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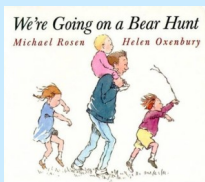
BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have enjoyed great playtimes in the sunshine this week. It has been fantastic to observe the older children supporting reception children at lunchtimes. A special mention needs to go to our lunchtime helpers. These are year 2 children, who have volunteered to give up a short period of their lunchtime to support reception children in the hall. They are having a positive impact by helping others within the school community and we are very proud of the contribution they are making.

In reception this week children have started their phonics lessons. Thank you to the reception parents that attended the meeting on phonics led by Mrs Bingham yesterday. If you were unable to attend the information is all available on the [school website](#). Please remember to have a look at Tapestry, where teachers will be adding wow moments to your child's portfolio. Parents are also invited to upload photographs of their child's achievements to share with school.



In year 1, teachers are using this familiar Michael Rosen storybook, as their text in English lessons. The classes have ventured out on their own bear hunt to help develop their vocabulary for writing. Luckily, no bears have been found yet!

Year 2 have been learning about where they live and the associated vocabulary, such as village, city, county, country and continent. Children are very inquisitive about where they live. We would encourage parents to support children with local geography and as you are out and about talk about the area. Or perhaps spend some time exploring a globe or world map.

Have a great weekend.
Best Wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

School Attendance

Our school attendance target is **96%**.

This week attendance is **96.1%**

Please be reminded that if your child is going to be absent or late for school that you must contact the school office. Tapestry or class Dojo should not be used to report any absence or lateness.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Earrings cannot be worn on PE days or if your child attends a club, unless the child can remove them themselves. Staff are not permitted to remove or tape earrings.

Please ensure that your child does not bring any products into school containing nuts, including cereal bars, cakes and sandwich fillings etc.

This also includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella. We have staff and children with severe nut allergies.



Click on the School Money icon above to book your child's dinners.

Deadline to order meals for week commencing 30th September is 9am Wednesday 25th September. Don't forget to order a meal for our census day that week.

Please ensure to click **PAY** on the app to ensure meals are sent through to us. If your child has a meal ordered and they arrive with a packed lunch, they will be given the meal and the packed lunch will come home with them.

Any changes to your child's meal choices are to be made by parents by **9am Wednesday's** for the following week to ensure that your child is getting their favourite choice, we appreciate that children can change their preferences.

We are unable to accept late orders for meals, if you miss the deadline you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch that week. You are able to order meals up until the October half term, our menu will change after this.



Baddow Hall Schools BREAKFAST CLUB

open to all Infant and Junior children

Monday – Friday
7.30 – 8.40am

For further details, to check availability and book your child's place, please contact the Infant School office on 01245 471338

Sessions are £6.50 each.

Childcare vouchers accepted.

Pre-booking only, limited places.

(ad hoc sessions are available on request, depending on availability. These must be booked/paid for in advance of session).

Breakfast Club Reminder

If you need sessions for this current half term you will need to call to book and pay.

Please note that we are unable to accommodate your child if we are fully booked.

Please ensure if paying for sessions with childcare vouchers that plenty of time is given before each booking window opens so funds can clear in time.

Only pay in what is needed for each half term to prevent building up a large balance.

WISHLIST

Amazon Wishlist

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you are wanting to contribute something, please click [Here](#) for our wish list. Thank you for the items we have recently received.

Harvest Assembly (children only)

We will be having our harvest assembly on the morning of **Friday 4th October**. We will be collecting food and toiletries on behalf of Chelmsford Foodbank. If you are able to donate anything, please could items be brought in week commencing 30th September and no later than 9am Friday 4th October. Donations will be collected by the foodbank straight after the assembly.

Due to space restrictions in the hall we are unable to accommodate parents.



Shop items

We sell school logo water bottles and replacement lids on School Money. If you lose your child's reading diary you are able to purchase a replacement. If your child's reading diary is full, the class teacher will provide them with a new one. If you do make any purchases you will need to collect them from the school office.

Stamps

We are collecting used postage stamps for the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB). If you have any stamps collected, please bring them to the school office.



PSA Events

The PSA AGM will be held on **Friday 4th October at 10am** and takes place in the Junior School Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend - please come along for tea/coffee and to hear the PSA plans for the next term.

Thank you to those that attended the PSA Fun Walk after school today on the Junior field. All sponsor money that your child collects should be paid via School Money (we are a cashless school). The amount on School Money can be changed to however much that your child raises. The deadline to pay this money in is **12noon Friday 4th October**.

School Photographs

Proofs have been sent home with your child this week. All orders for photos are to be made directly with Horizon, we are unable to accept orders or payment on their behalf. The deadline to receive free delivery of orders into school is Saturday 28th September.



Donations

We are looking for spare winter coats if you have any that your child in the infants or juniors has grown out of. Boys and girls coats welcome. We are always in need of tissues as we can't keep up with the demand, particularly during the autumn. If you have any boxes of tissues you can donate, please bring to the office. If anyone has any ear defenders they no longer need, suitable size for a child, we would love to have them. Please bring to the office.

Lost Property—we have lots in our lost property box!

If your child has misplaced anything you are welcome to look in our lost property boxes which are in the reception lobby area. Please ensure that everything is named so that it can be easily identified. Click the link at the bottom of the newsletter which can signpost where to order name labels whilst also raising money for the school.

Useful information—including holiday club information

Please click [HERE](#) for the useful information tab on our website for parents such as ordering name labels, advice on health for families. It also gives information about events taking place within the local community, which are updated regularly.