



8th September 2023



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very proud of all the children this week. Year 1 and 2 are settling into their new classes really well and they are full of smiles. Our new reception children are finding their way around the classroom and getting to know their teachers. It might take me a little while to learn every name but during my visits to the classrooms over the coming weeks, I look forward to getting to know all the children.

Congratulations to Mrs Bingham (Miss Howard) and Mrs Easterbrook (Miss Faiers) following their weddings during the summer. We welcome back Mrs Fairley to our school team following maternity leave and Mrs Currie joins us this term as our SENCO. Her working days are Monday and Wednesday, Mrs Currie can be contacted via the school office. We also welcome Mrs Warwick and Mrs Wright to our support staff team.



To keep our school site safe for everyone please be reminded that;

- Children should dismount bicycles and scooters once on the school site
- Children should not be on the play equipment in the playground before or after school
- Parents should be entering and leaving the school site via the pedestrian gates, not via the school car park
- Be respectful of our neighbours and park responsibly, this includes not parking or turning near the school gates or parking on double yellow lines.

If you are dropping your child at class 1 or 2, we would respectfully ask that you wait at the side of the pathway to enable other parents to get past. Thank you.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work during the summer getting our school ready for the new academic year. We look forward to a great term ahead.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lesley Schlanker

Message from the PSA

The PSA AGM will take place on **Thursday 14th September 9.30-10am** in the Junior Hall. Prior to this the PSA will be hosting a welcome tea/coffee morning between **8.45-9.30am** to have an informal chat about events planned for the new school year. If you are interested in joining the PSA team, or are just interested in hearing about upcoming events, please join them in the Junior Hall and feel free to stay for the AGM afterwards.



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. Thank you



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

Orders must be placed by: **9am Wednesday 13th September for week commencing 18th September 2023. Please ensure to click PAY on the app to ensure that the meals are sent through to us. (all infant school children receive Universal Free School Meals).**

The current menu will continue until the October Half Term.

Please note that 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. This helps to cut down on food wastage.

Please ensure that any changes to your child's meal choices are made by Wednesday's for the following week to ensure that your child is getting their favourite choice, we appreciate that children can change their preferences.

Sun cream

As we are still enjoying warm sunny days this term, please apply sun cream to your child before school and bring in a named sun hat. The children will be kept in shaded areas as much as possible throughout the day. Please be aware that staff are unable to apply sun cream to children.



Breakfast Club Reminder

Please do not send your child to Breakfast Club if they are not booked in.

If you are in need of occasional adhoc sessions you will need to call the office to book and pay for the sessions that you need.

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

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you are wanting to contribute something, please click **Here** for our wish list.

Uniform, Water Bottles, Lunch Boxes

Please ensure that school uniform, including shoes and hats, are clearly labelled with the child's name for the staff and your child to easily identify their items. Lunch boxes should also be clearly named. Book bags may have **one** small keyring so that the bags fit in your child's drawer or book bag box in the classroom.

Birthday sweets and invitations

If it is your child's birthday and they want to hand out sweets or invitations to a party, we ask that children do this before or after school in the playground. The staff are unable to provide assistance with this and if any sweets or invitations are given to staff they will be given back to the parent.

Water bottles in school

Please ensure that your child is not bringing in an oversized water bottle as these do not fit into the trolley or under the water machine for refilling. If your child drinks the water they have they can refill their bottle throughout the day. Water bottles should contain **water only**, please do not put other liquids in these bottles. We do sell school logo water bottles for £2.50 and replacement lids for 50p, which can be purchased as a shop item on School Money.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

A timetable for clubs for Autumn Term has been sent out to parents and club bookings opened on Tuesday 5th September with clubs starting from **Monday 18th September**. All clubs are to be booked and paid for as usual, directly with the club providers. Their flyers, as well as the timetable, can be found under the parents tab on our website.

Second Hand Uniform

If you have had a sort out of any good condition uniform that no longer fits your child, please may we have it for the PSA. We also need spare socks, underwear and any good condition school shoes or trainers for the rainy autumn months. Please drop off any donations to the office.

Stikins

If you are needing name labels for your child's uniform, water bottles etc we recommend Stikins. If you do order from them, please quote our fundraising number **1081** as the school will receive a small commission for each order placed.

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Pupil Premium Funding

If your circumstances have recently changed and you are in receipt of the benefits listed below, the school may be able to apply for additional funding for your child. If you think that this could apply to you, please email us at admin@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk including the child's name, your first and last name and your national insurance number. We may need to ask you to provide further proof that you are receiving the relevant benefits listed. Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:
 * Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned of no more than £7,400 , as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
 * Income support
 * Income related Employment and Support Allowance
 * Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
 * Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 * The guarantee element of Pension Credit
 * Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
 * Working Tax Credit run-on—paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
 Please let us know as soon as possible as we need to have applied for funding before our next Census which is in October.