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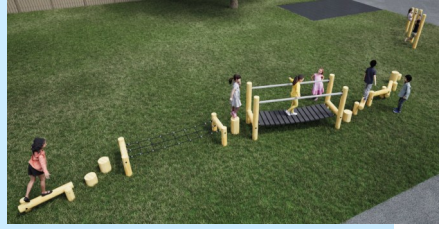


BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,

What a fantastic day we have had for our sponsored obstacle course to raise money for the new active play equipment. There are some photographs of the children taking part on the last page of the newsletter. A huge well done to the children and school council for coming up with the event and the ideas for the obstacles. It is important that the children have a voice in school and play a role in school development. The school council will be meeting with the PSA in a few weeks to talk about the project.



A reminder that on Friday 22nd May, we have our Family Learning Day, which is a musical workshop. You will have received the letter recently but here is a reminder of the times for each class.



- Class 6:** 9:05 – 9:50am
- Class 5:** 9:55 – 10:40am
- Class 4:** 10:45 – 11:30am
- Class 3:** 1:10 – 1:55pm
- Class 2:** 2:00 – 2:30pm
- Class 1:** 2:35 – 3:05pm



As the weather has improved, we have seen an increase in the number of children coming to school on bicycles and scooters, which is a great way to travel. Please be reminded that children, including younger siblings, should dismount whilst on the school grounds. I have had a few parents speak to me about near misses, where children have not had an awareness of people walking near them. Thank you for helping to keep our school site safe.

Have a great weekend.
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

Sponsored Obstacle Course
Add your sponsors to Parent Pay by
Thursday 21st May.

School Attendance

- Whole school attendance: **94.3%**
- Reception attendance: **94.8%**
- Year 1 attendance: **92.5%**
- Year 2 attendance: **95.2%**
- Our school target is 97%.**



Reporting absence—reminder

If your child will be absent from school you must **call or email the office** rather than the class teacher by **9.30am**. When calling or emailing, please include the following information:

- **Child's first and last name**
- **Class number (or name of teacher)**
- **Reason for absence**

Please note that if your child has been sick or has had diarrhea, they must remain off school for **48 hours** from the last instance. This is to help prevent the spread of potential bugs.

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

This includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella.

We have staff and children with severe nut allergies.

Pre-order your child's school dinners

Meals for the **week beginning 18th May must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 12th May.**

If a meal is not booked, reminders are not always sent out so parents will be phoned and asked to provide their child with a packed lunch. If a meal has been booked and they arrive with a packed lunch they will be given the meal and the packed lunch will come home with them.

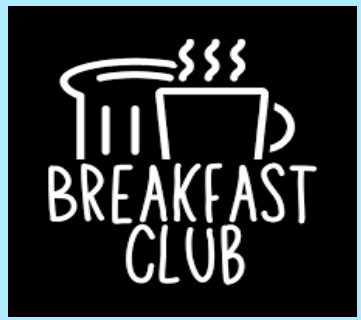


Breakfast Club

If you are needing a child care solution in the mornings due to needing to get to work, we run a fantastic Breakfast Club which caters for infant & junior children and starts at 7.30am. If you would like to register your child, please contact the infant office.

Breakfast Club sessions can be booked online via Parent Pay at any time, but no later than 7.15am on the day. (The serving of food finishes at 8.15am).

Childcare vouchers can be used as payment for breakfast club sessions, please see <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for additional information on how to apply.



REMINDER: Important—PARENT PAY—do not use One Click Payments

When making a payment on Parent Pay please **do not** use One Click Payments as the payment method. Please see the letter that was emailed to parents regarding this.

Reminder: Danbury Park year 1 school trip—Tuesday 12th May and Thriftwood Scouting Campsite year 2 school trip—Thursday 14th May

We hope your child is looking forward to their school trip coming up. Please refer to the trip letter which can be found on our website which advises you of what the children will need to wear and bring on the day. If it is going to be a warm sunny day please be reminded to put sunscreen on your child before school and that they have a water bottle and sun hat with them. They are not permitted to wear shorts/dresses so please ensure they are wearing something that covers their legs for protection. (NO jeans though please).

Tissue boxes donations please

We are running low on boxes of tissues in school as the colds and sniffles are now being replaced with Hayfever. If you are able to donate any tissues, please bring them to our office. Thank you in advance.

New Clubs

We are looking to start new clubs in the Autumn Term and one we are really interested in is Lego Club. We would need donations of Lego though in order for this to work as currently we do not have enough in school. If any of your older children or you know of anyone that wants to offload their Lego, we would most certainly give it a good home. If donations of Lego could please be brought to the office.



Medical Appointments

Medical appointments such as routine dental checkups should be done outside of school times where possible. If you are needing to take your child to a medical appointment during school hours please show proof of this appointment to the office either in person or you can email over a screenshot. Please let the office know the time your child will be either collected or dropped off and whether their school dinner would need cancelling.

School Trips 2025-26—please see dates below

Tuesday 12th May—Year 1 Danbury Park—Pond Dipping & Wildlife

Thursday 14th May—Year 2 Thriftwood Scout Campsite—Outdoor activities

Tuesday 16th June—Year 1 Seaside Day—with History Off The Page

Tuesday 30th June—Year 2 Mini Games—competing with other schools at CSAC

Letters for all the trips have been emailed to parents and are on our website under the parents-letters tab.

Other important dates coming up

Friday 8th May—Obstacle Course (all children wear PE kit)

Friday 8th May—PSA Squishmallow Event (ticket required)

Friday 22nd May—Family Learning Day (music themed)

Monday 25th May—Half Term

Monday 1st June—Inset Day

Wednesday 3rd June—Class and Year 2 photographs

Friday 12th June—PSA Pop Up Shop (Father's Day)

All events and important dates can be found on our calendar on our website.

Warm Weather

We hope that the sunny days are here to stay. With this in mind please ensure that your child has in school a named water bottle and named sunhat everyday. Sun screen should also be applied before school. With such changeable weather though, perhaps a lightweight jacket too in case it is raining at school pick up time.





Amazon Wishlist

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you would like to contribute something, please click [Here](#) for our wish list.

Easy Fundraising

Money raised can really help our school to buy additional equipment or resources to benefit the children and it doesn't cost you anything.

To register is simple (and FREE), please click the link [HERE](#)



Keep your postage stamps for us—Stamp Collecting for RNIB

We are collecting postage stamps on behalf of the Royal Institute for the Blind and have a collection box in the lobby.

Please cut around the stamps and place them in the donation box. (Please do not give them to us attached to envelopes with personal details on).

RNIB

See differently

Useful information—including local events and holiday clubs information

Please click [HERE](#) for the useful information tab on our website for parents such as ordering name labels, advice on health for families and courses for parents.

If you use **Stikins** to order name labels please ensure to use our unique code so that we get a small commission on the orders placed. **Our code is 1081.**

This page is also updated regularly with events taking place in the local area so please ensure to check them out.

Textiles Recycling

We have a textiles recycling box beside the bike shelter. If you are having a sort out of clothes, shoes, bedding, curtains etc, please use this bin to recycle them. This helps to raise funds for the school. A poster of which items can and can't be recycled can be found on the window of our main entrance and also on the side of the recycling box. **(They do not accept school uniform items with logo's on it).** If you have any school logo uniform in good condition that you no longer need, please give to the PSA rather than place in the recycle box.

Pre-loved uniform

The PSA regularly hold pre-loved uniform sales. You can also contact the PSA at anytime if you are in need of uniform and they can check what they have. Please contact the PSA directly at psa@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk (you can hand pre-loved uniform into the office and we will pass this onto the PSA).

Pre-loved Uniform Donations

If you are having a clear out, we are in need of the following for our spare clothing boxes: (please only give us any of the items below, thank you)

Boys white polo tops (any size), **PE shorts** (any size), **Tracksuit bottoms ONLY** (any size), **PE white tshirt** (any size), **spare sun hats**.

Lost Property

If your child has lost something please check in our lost property boxes which are in the lobby of the main entrance. We please urge parents to name everything, including lunch boxes, coats and water bottles so that they can be easily reunited with your child.

Any unclaimed items remaining in lost property on the last day of each term will be recycled or disposed of.



Our vision is for every child to make the best possible progress.

Sponsored Obstacle Course

All the children took part in the obstacle course today to raise money for the school and we hope you were able to get friends and relatives to sponsor your child. The school council has set an ambitious target of £1000. All sponsor money should be paid in via Parent Pay (Please do not use one click payment, use additional payment method instead where you can enter your card details).

We will keep this payment open until Thursday 21st May to give you enough time to collect the sponsor money.

