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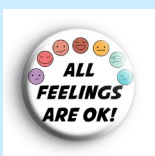
Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone for your generosity. We had a huge collection of food and toiletries for our Harvest table. Your donations were collected today by The Chelmsford Foodbank and distributed to families in need across our local community. Rev Phil from St Mary's church joined our assembly today and talked to the children about how we can look after the earth.



In reception this week, children have been developing their understanding of history. They have used their own baby photos to talk about themselves in the past. The children have really enjoyed sharing their photos with their class. In reception, children will learn to identify similarities and differences between things in the past and now. Parents can support children at home with this area of learning by exploring items from your own past with your child.



Children in year 1 have been exploring feelings in their PSHE lessons. They have discussed the difference between hurting ourselves if we fall over and when our feelings get hurt. The children were able to identify what they could do to get help. They knew to get first aid from the adults if they had hurt their body. They understand that we can't always see feelings and that if they are upset to speak with an adult.

This week Year 2 children have been making bunting for the Starlight children's charity. The bunting will be used to decorate hospitals up and down the country during December to brighten up wards and make them a bit more fun for the children that need to spend time there over the holidays.



A reminder that school will finish on Thursday 19th October for half term. We return to school on Monday 30th October.

Best Wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

School Attendance

School attendance this week is 97%

We have had a number of applications for term time holidays. As you are aware, these will not be authorised and you may receive a penalty notice.

IMPORTANT: Primary and Junior school places for September 2024

From **Monday 6th November 2023** you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) or junior (year 3) school place.

Read about the [primary \(Reception\)](#) or [junior \(year 3\)](#) school place application process.

Applications received after the **Monday 15th January 2024** are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.



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 18th October for week commencing 30th October 2023.

Please ensure to click PAY on the app to ensure that the meals are sent through to us.

Our new menu has been sent to parents and meals can be preordered up until Christmas.

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.



Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for next half term opened on School Money at 12noon Monday 9th October and will close 12noon Monday 16th October.

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.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on **Tuesday 17th** and **Thursday 19th October**. Please ensure to arrive for your appointment promptly so as not to delay all other appointments.

If you are unable to get childcare then your child may accompany you but must be supervised at all times. There is no parking on site so if you are driving, please park on nearby residential roads.

Please note that Tennis and Gymnastics Clubs are still happening on these dates.

Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets went home with your child last week. Please make any necessary amendments and return to the office by end of day **Monday 16th October**. If there are no amendments to be made then you do not need to return the sheet back to us.

Clothes Recycling

We will be collecting clothing recycling when we return after half term to raise money for the school. This can be paired shoes, clean clothing of all types and can be adult or children's clothing. If you are having a sort out in the half term, please bag up any of these items securely and place them by the trees by the bike sheds near reception on **Monday 30th or Tuesday 31st October** as these items will be collected on the afternoon of Tuesday 31st. Many thanks.

PSA Autumn Disco Reminder

For those **year 1 & 2** children attending the disco after school today, please collect your child promptly from their classroom at 4.20pm. Please park how you usually would when collecting your child and not in the staff car park. Thank you.



PE and Sports Club Days

Please ensure that on the days that your child has PE or attends a sports after school club that their earrings are removed before they come into school, unless your child is able to remove their earrings themselves. We are not allowed to remove earrings or cover them with tape.

Lost Property

We have an increasing amount of unnamed lost property in our lobby or items that have gone missing. Please check that your child is bringing home their named clothing and that all items are named to make it easier for the children, and staff, to locate items at the end of each day. PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING.

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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