



15th September 2023



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our reception children are now in school full-time, I have enjoyed spending time with them in their classrooms, getting to know their names. We are really proud of how well they are managing, particularly at lunchtimes, carrying their trays to the table confidently and finding their way around school to get to the playground. Well done reception.

This week parents in year 1 and 2 were invited to meet the teachers and find out about the curriculum and expectations for the year group. If you were unable to attend, the presentation has been posted on the year group pages of the school [website](#), under the pupil tab.

We have been revisiting our school rules in assembly this week. Children have been reminding each other of our expectations for:

Making good choices

Being Safe

Being ready to learn



The fantastic fundraising by the PSA, helps us to provide enhanced resources for the children. We are really pleased to share that we have used some of our funding to create this wall design. The children in year 2 have already been using this resource as part of their geography lessons and being on permanent display it will help children with their recognition of the United Kingdom and the continents of the world. Information has already been sent out to you for our first PSA fundraiser of the year, which is the family fun walk on Friday 29th September, we hope you can all join in. Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lesley Schlanker

School Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance this term to date is 97.7%

This is a fantastic start to the term, thank you to parents for making sure your child attends school each day and on time.

School starts at 8.45am

If your child is late, you will need to bring them to the office and sign them in. Your child will be marked as late if they arrive between **8.45am and 9.15am** and unauthorised for the session if they arrive **after 9.15am** once registers close.



schoolmoney

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 20th September for week commencing 25th 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.



Baddow Hall Schools
Breakfast Club
Monday –Friday
7.30-8.40am
Open to all Infant and Junior children

- Breakfast served – all dietary requirements catered for.
- Arts & Crafts table
- Puzzles & Games
- Movies
- Fancy dress
- Lego

& much more



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For further details, to check availability and book your child's place, please contact the Infant School office on 01245 471338
Pre booking only, limited places.
Sessions are £5.00 each.
Childcare vouchers accepted

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.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The Autumn Term clubs will be 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.

Please ensure that your child brings in suitable clothing to wear for their club if it is not on their PE day and that earrings are removed that day.

BADDOW HALL PSA AND THE FUN WALK TRUST
PRESENT

2K FUN WALK!

FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
STARTING 3.20PM | MEET JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

JOIN US FOR A 2K FUN WALK

RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL

'BONUS POT' EXTRA ADDED TO ALL MONEY RAISED

WALK WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

FILL OUT A SPONSOR FORM

8 LAPS OF THE TRACK! HAVE FUN!

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT AND ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT. SPONSORSHIP MONEY MUST BE PAID ON SCHOOL MONEY BY 6TH OCTOBER 2023



*THE FUN WALK TRUST (CHARITY NO. 1151626) ORGANISE FUN WALKS TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITIES AND WITH THE GENEROSITY OF BUSINESSES AND SPONSORS ARE ABLE TO GIVE A % OF MONEY RAISED TOWARDS OUR FINAL AMOUNT. IN 2022 FOR £100 RAISED, THE TRUST GAVE £40. SO THE MORE WE RAISE THE BETTER!


Libraries and Schools: September 2023 Update

Kick Start September

September is always a busy month, with new faces and returning students filling up the hallways again! We understand that getting some children back into the routine of reading can be a challenge, so make the most of the support your local library can offer! If you would like to discuss any of our free resources, please email me on megan.crisp@essex.gov.uk.


The Sustainability Challenge!

The library is launching a new challenge this September, which is for all young people of secondary school age in Essex. There are six exciting challenges to complete, which lead to a digital badge and certificate. I've attached a poster with more information, and a QR code which young people and your school can register interest in taking part.




Outreach Bus

After its tour around Essex this summer, the outreach bus is ready to get back to visiting schools. This is a free service and includes a full day of the bus becoming your school's personal library! We arrange library cards in advance and encourage as many of them as we can to leave with a book. By presenting reading in a new way, we find it really excites the children about books!




Youth Advisory Board

This September, the library service is opening applications for a new volunteering experience for those in years 9 - 11, the Youth Advisory Board. This six-month scheme will include event planning, marketing, and budgeting. It can be used as the Duke of Edinburgh silver volunteering requirement. More information will be coming out soon, but if you would like to book an assembly about this or get more details, please email me: megan.crisp@essex.gov.uk



Moshi

This app allows children to develop emotional regulation, play educational games and read stories. It even has sounds to help children fall asleep and stay asleep! This app normally costs £5.99 per month, but with a library card it is completely free. All people have to do is sign up via the link on [this page](#) on the library website. I've attached a poster that can be shared with families.



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.

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.

STIKINS

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.