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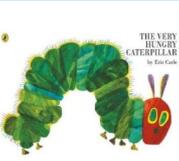


BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

How wonderful to see the signs of spring. We are enjoying playtimes and lunchtimes with the sun shining and looking forward to the field drying out and the children being able to play on the grass.



In reception this week children have been reading Eric Carle's world famous book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Children have been retelling the story using the repeated phrases and the story map that they have created in the classroom. This is not only developing children's love of books but also their self confidence and communication and language skills. Reading familiar stories is a good way to support your child at home.

In computing lessons this half term in year 1, children are working on developing the skills to create, organize, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content through the creation of their own animated story book. In this week's lesson the children have learnt how to add animation to a picture.



This term the learning in year 2 has a focus on Our World, Our Future. The children will be learning about the impact we have on our environment and the changes we can all make to make our world more sustainable. This week children have been focussing on the impact of different types of transport.

To find out more information about your child's curriculum, please visit year group pages on the [school website](#).



Today is International Women's Day when we celebrate the achievements of women. We also celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, which gives us an opportunity to show our appreciation for the special people in our lives who support us.

Have a great weekend.
Best Wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

School Attendance



School attendance for the academic year to date 94.8%

A reminder that the school gates close at 8.45am, when registers will be taken. Children arriving after this will be marked late.



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.

Meals for week commencing 18th March need to be booked by 9am Wednesday 13th March. You are able to order meals up until Easter.

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

Please ensure that children's water bottles contain water only. Children can fill their bottles throughout the day from our water dispensers.



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 £6.00 each.

Childcare vouchers accepted.

Pre-booking only, limited places.

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

Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking is now closed. If you need sessions for this half term please call the office to book and pay.

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.

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 all the resources that we have received from parents so far, it is much appreciated.**

Beat The Streets

Last week your child came home with a map and a card with details of how Beat the Street works. This fun and free of charge game runs from 28th February to 10th April across Chelmsford and South Woodham Ferrers and you can earn points, get active and win awards and prizes for you and your school. Children will also love to follow the map and see how many taps of the Beat Boxes they can get. Don't forget to register your card. For full details on how to play and register for free, visit beatthestreet.me/chelmsford



Sponsored Read

Thank you to all the children who have participated in the Sponsored Read which will end **Sunday 10th March**.

Please return your child's reading logs and pay in all the sponsor money that your child has collected on School Money by **Friday 15th March**. Thank you.

REMINDER: Year 2 Music Festival—Thursday 14th March

Please ensure that if another adult is collecting your child from the venue that you have let your child's class teacher know in writing by 9am Thursday 14th March.

REMINDER: The school is not providing transport back to school from the venue. It is parent's responsibility to ensure that transport back has been arranged.

Ticket Sales went live **Friday 16th February**, please click the link on the letter. (it can also be found on our website under the parent-letters tab.

Red Nose Day—Non Uniform Day- Friday 15th March

Next Friday is comic relief and children may come to school in red non uniform in exchange for a donation. Please pay your donation via School Money. (suggested amount is £2.00 but this can be changed to an amount of your choice.



School Trips

We are very excited to have organized some exciting educational events and trips as part of their topics for the children which will take place next term. Please see below:

Reception

Tuesday 14th May—Thorndon Park Gruffalo Trip. (letter gone out to parents)

Year 1

Wednesday 15th May—Danbury Park Habitat Day. (letter gone out to parents)

Wednesday 12th June—History Off The Page Seaside Day, in school. (letter will be sent to parents nearer the time)

Year 2

Wednesday 5th June—Mini Games at CSAC. (letter will be sent to parents nearer the time)

Thursday 18th July—Thriftwood Scouting Camp. (letter will go home with children today)

We do ask for a contribution from parents to help cover the costing of these events and trips which can be paid on School Money. You will be able to pay for Thorndon Park, Danbury Park and Thriftwood in installments to help spread the cost.

We are also able to use funds from the PSA fundraising or our Sports Initiative Funding to pay towards some of the overall cost.

PSA Easter Egg Trail and Baddow Bars



The Easter Egg Trail will take place after school on **Friday 22nd March** at the Junior school. Please collect your child as normal and then take them to the event, it is free to enter. (It is parents responsibility to supervise their child at this event). We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs for this event any day during the week of 11th March which can be dropped off at the office or to the PSA if they are at the school gates at the start or end of the school day.

You are able to purchase 'Baddow Bars' on School Money as a shop item which could contain winning golden tickets. All purchased bars will be given to children at the event. There will also be a Vegan option so please select the one you want when purchasing. Also at the event will be refreshments on sale, a second hand uniform stall and pre-loved toys and books stall.



Useful information

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