



24th November 2023



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

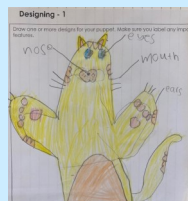
Dear Parents/Carers,

In school this week, children in reception visited Great Baddow Fire Station as part of their topic 'People who help us.' The children had the opportunity to go in to the fire engine and use the hose. The staff at the fire station enabled lots of new learning to take place and we appreciate them being able to make the time for our children to visit. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who accompanied the children in the visit.



Well done to the year 1 pupils that took part at the Teddylympics on Wednesday. They came 2nd on the day and 3rd overall out of 26 schools. Congratulations, we are all very proud of you.

Year 2 children have been working hard in Design and Technology. Their project this half term is to design and make a puppet, thinking about the purpose and audience. The children will be using sewing as their joining technique and have completed the design that they will be working towards.



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Next Friday is the Christmas Fair and the PSA are working hard behind the scenes with preparations. If you are able to offer any support on the day, even for just half an hour it would be much appreciated. Email [psa@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:psa@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk)

Have a great weekend.

Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

### School Attendance

**School attendance is currently 95.7%**

Please contact the school office via telephone or email to report your child missing. If we have not heard from you by 9.30am, we will contact the emergency contacts in order to ascertain why your child is not in school.

### 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.

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.



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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 29th November for week commencing 4th December 2023.**

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

Don't forget our Christmas dinner is being served on **Tuesday 19th** December, please ensure to order by 9am Wednesday 13th December.



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.



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.



BADDOW HALL

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

**Booking for next half term opens on School Money 12noon Monday 11th December and will close 12noon Monday 18th December.** If you need sessions in the meantime you will need to call to check availability and book/pay over the phone.

**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.**

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

## Parent Governor Election Ballots

Reminder: Deadline to return your completed ballot forms is **Wednesday 29th November**. Please ensure to put your completed ballot form in the plain white envelope and then put the plain white envelope in the brown envelope and complete the details on the front. You can hand these into the office, or put them in the black ballot box in the lobby or they can be put in your child's book bag. Please ensure that you have told your child that they need to hand these in as year 1 and 2 teachers do not go through children's book bags each morning. Thank you.

## Christmas Hat/Hair Accessory/Head Bopper Day

Children may come to school on **Friday 1st December** wearing a Christmas hat, a hair accessory or head boppers in exchange for chocolates, sweets or a bottle of something nice which will be used for the PSA Christmas Fayre tombola stalls.





*PSA Christmas Fair*  
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 3.20-5.30PM  
INFANT AND JUNIOR HALLS

## PSA Christmas Fayre– save the date!

Don't forget that we are having our Christmas Fayre on **Friday 1st December**. This is a hugely popular event. We have already asked for donations of good condition soft toys, games, books and toys.

If you work for a business that could donate a raffle prize or if you are able to donate your time to help in any way, please email [psa@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:psa@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk). The help we receive from parents and grandparents at these events are the reason that they are so special for the children.

**Reminder—there is NO Dance Club on this date.**

**If your child usually goes to the YMCA or Little Spring Wonders but you will be taking them to the fayre instead, please let the providers know directly so there is a smooth transition at the end of the school day.**

## PSA Christmas Event Calendar

Look out for further details on each event

- 23rd and 24th Nov - Selling Santa slots (outside Infants) and Christmas Fair £5 prepaid cards
- 24th Nov - Pre-loved Christmas jumper sale
- 1st Dec - Christmas hair/head boppers/hats at school in exchange for a bottle/sweets/chocolate for the Christmas Fair
- 1st Dec - Christmas Fair
- 8th Dec - Juniors Christmas Film night
- 14th Dec - Elfridges Stall (during school day)
- 15th Dec - Infants Christmas Film night
- Infant Christmas Assembly Refreshments 13th, 14th and 15th Dec
- Junior Year 3 & 4 Christmas Production Refreshments 12th and 14th Dec

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## MEET SANTA



Tickets cost £3 each or £5 for an extra sibling, each child who visits Santa will receive a Christmas gift!!

THE PSA WILL BE SELLING SANTA SLOTS 23RD & 24TH NOVEMBER BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL.  
4 CHILDREN PER TIME SLOT

## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated for our non uniform day on Friday 17th November for Children in Need. We raised **£210.50**.

Our next charity event will be our Christmas jumper day for Save the Children which takes place on **Tuesday 19th December**.



## 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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