



# Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Families,



A huge thank you to everyone for their donations to our Harvest table. In our assembly, we talked about how the donations will help people in our local community, who are finding it difficult at the moment. It is important for the children to

understand the reasons for their donations. Our year 2 school councillors helped to bag the items up ready for collection by the Chelmsford Foodbank.

This week I registered for easy fundraising and by adding the browser extension, it lets me know when I shop online if a donation will be made. This only took a few minutes of my time and I raised £1 just by doing my weekly shop online. As we head towards a busy shopping period, please register with easy fundraising, to help the children benefit from donations from companies we shop with.

Support us through

The children in reception have been reading a range of stories this week that highlight how we are all different. Listening to and discussing stories is an important part of the children's learning, which develops their communication and language skills. As you read stories to your child at home, take time to discuss the book with them to support their understanding.



In year 1 children have been ordering numbers from largest to smallest and vice versa. The children have also been ordering objects according to their size.

Year 2 children have been comparing different habitats in science. They have been thinking about how the animal has adapted to the habitat and how the habitat meets the animal's needs.



Have a great weekend. Best Wishes, Lesley Schlanker Headteacher

# School Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96%. This week attendance is 95.8.%

Our attendance has fallen just below our target. Your child's attendance is affected if they are late for school. Please ensure your child is at school on time.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Earrings cannot be worn on PE days or if your child attends a club, unless the child can remove them themselves. Staff are not permitted to remove or tape earrings.



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.

Click on the School Money icon above to book your child's dinners. Deadine to order meals for week commencing 14th October is 9am Wednesday 9th October.

Please ensure to click **PAY** on the app to ensure meals are sent through to us. 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 <u>9am</u> <u>Wednesday's</u> for the following week to ensure that your child is getting their favourite choice, we appreciate that children can change their preferences. We are unable to accept late orders for meals, if you miss the deadline you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch that week. You are able to order meals up until the October half term, our menu will change after this.



Childcare vouchers accepted Pre-booking only, limited places. (adhoc sessions are available on request, depending on availability. These must be booked/paid for in advance of session).



## Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for next half term opens at 12noon Monday 7th October and will close 12noon Monday 14th October.

Please note that we are unable to accommodate your child if we are fully booked.

Please ensure if paying 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.

# Amazon Wishlist

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 the items we have recently received.

### Reception and Year 3 Admissions for 2025-26

If your child is due to start year 3 or reception in September 2025, you must apply for their place via the local authority. The admissions round opens on Monday 4th November 2024 and will close Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Please note that year 2 children do not automatically get a place at our junior school so please ensure that you apply within the timeframe above, whichever junior school you wish them to attend. Please click HERE for more information.

**Shop items—limited stock remaining** We sell school logo water bottles (£2.50) and replacement lids (50p) as a shop item on School Money. We only have a limited amount of the bottles and replacement lids and we will not be ordering any more so if you need a bottle or replacement lids please purchase sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment. If you do make any purchases you will need to collect them from the school office.

### Parent Consultations

Please ensure to check that your login details work prior to the appointment booking system opening at 6pm Monday 7th October.

Parent consultations take place on Tuesday 22nd or Thursday 24th October. Please note that extra-curricular clubs will be running on both days.

### **PSA Events**

Just a reminder that all sponsor money that your child collected from the PSA Fun Walk should be paid via School Money. The amount on School Money can be changed to however much that your child raised. The deadline is 12noon Friday 4th October.





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Easyfundraising—don't forget to register, it is FREE! We are excited to announce that we are registered with easyfundraising, a fantastic online platform that enables you to raise free donations with every purchase you make. For the next week, every supporter who signs up to support Baddow Hall Infant School through easyfundraising will trigger a £1 bonus donation! To register please click the link HERE

#### Stamps

We are collecting used postage stamps for the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB). If you have any stamps collected, please bring them to the school office.

### **Donations**

We really need the following items if anyone can help. Spare winter coats (boys and girls), Boxes of tissues, Ear defenders (suitable size for a child). Please bring to the office, thank you.

### Lost Property—we have lots in our lost property box!

Please ensure that every item of clothing is named, including coats, water bottles, lunch boxes and book bags so they are easily identifiable to staff and children.

### Useful information—including holiday club information

Please click HERE for the useful information tab on our website for parents such as ordering name labels, advice on health for families. It also gives information about events taking place within the local community, which are updated regularly.