

# **BADDOW NEWS**



## **Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter**

Dear Families.

I hope everyone had a great half term and enjoyed some time with family and friends. As we begin the second half of the Autumn term, it has been great to see the children so focused on their learning. In our assemblies this week we have been thinking about our value of 'resilience' and how we all need to be resilient when we are learning new things.

This weekend has a focus on Remembrance across our nation and we have displayed in the entrance to school all the amazing poppies the children have created. We are really impressed with the creativity shown through the designs. Our poppy display is an important reminder to our school community of the huge sacrifice given by so many. We will be holding our assembly for the children to remember all those who keep us safe on Tuesday. We encourage children to wear their poppy to school for this assembly.



Today we have the PSA Disco. I am sure we will all have a great time dancing to some familiar songs. Thank you to the PSA team for organising this fundraising event. The money raised throughout the year goes back to both schools to enrich the learning opportunities for the children.

As next Friday is Children in Need, the children are able to come to school in their own clothes (with sensible shoes!) and give a donation via Parentpay to support the charity.

Best wishes, Lesley Schlanker Headteacher





#### **Reminder of Upcoming Dates**

Christmas performance dates are on the calendar.

Please check the school <u>calendar</u> which is updated regularly.

## **School Attendance**

Please be mindful that if you go on holiday during term time, children are excited to tell us about their holiday. We have had a few cases this week with parents phoning children in sick and the children have returned to school and shared their stories about the holiday they have just returned from.

There are procedures in place to administer fines if we believe parents have taken children out for a holiday and a different reason for absence is given.

# Reporting absence

When reporting your child absent from school either via voicemail or email please ensure that you include your child's first and last name, as well as, their class number. Please could you also include this when emailing the office regarding your child so any queries can be dealt with more efficiently. Thank you.

Please ensure that your child does not bring any products into school containing nuts, including cereal bars, cakes and sandwich fillings.

This includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella. We have staff and children with severe nut allergies.

#### Order your child's school dinners

Please book your child's meals in advance.

Meals for the week beginning 17th November must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 11th November 2025. This is our new menu.



If a meal is not booked, reminders are not sent out so parents will be phoned and asked to provide their child with a packed lunch.

#### **Breakfast Club**

You must prebook and pay for sessions in advance of attending. Breakfast club can be booked online via Parent Pay at any time, but no later than 7.15am on the day. Childcare vouchers can be used as payment for all breakfast club sessions, please see <a href="https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/">https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/</a> for additional information on how to apply. Please ensure not to overpay us in vouchers and build up a large credit. Please be reminded that breakfast club sessions are non-refundable.

#### **Amazon Wishlist**

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you would like to contribute something, please click <u>Here</u> for our wish list.



#### Easyfundraising

Money raised can really help our school to buy additional equipment or resources to benefit the children and it doesn't cost you anything. To register is simple (and FREE), please click the link <u>HERE</u>





# Year 2 Great Fire of London Day—Wednesday 26th November.

A letter was emailed to parents regarding this exciting event for the year 2 children. The letter can also be found on the website. Payment for this can be made via Parent Pay. The deadline to make payment is Friday 21st November.

#### **School Photographs**

You can still order copies of your child's school photograph from Horizon Photographic. Please refer to proofs that were brought home with your child a few weeks ago.

### Whole School Flu Immunisations

A letter containing the link to the consent forms has been emailed to parents, we ask that they are completed to state whether you DO or DO NOT consent to your child receiving the immunisation in school on **Friday 14th November.** 

Please ensure to state the year group your child is in rather than the class number.

#### PSA Disco—Friday 7th November

Just a reminder if your year 1 or 2 child is attending the disco, collection is from classrooms at **4.15pm. Dance Club is still on.** 

### Pre-loved Uniform

Please be aware that our PSA sells pre-loved school uniform. If you wish to donate or purchase any pre-loved uniform please contact the PSA at psa@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk.

# Non-uniform Day for Children in Need—Friday 14th November



Your child may come to school in non uniform in exchange for a donation, via ParentPay. Please ensure that clothing the children are wearing is easy for them to undo to use the toilet. Footwear needs to be suitable for running around the playground and we ask that children do not wear jewellery to school. Thank you.



We still have poppies and accessories to purchase if you do not already have one.

This is in exchange for a donation. (for accessories we ask for a minimum of £1.00) Please come to the office if you would like to make a purchase.

# Useful information—including holiday club information

Please click <u>HERE</u> for the useful information tab on our website for parents such as ordering name labels, advice on health for families.

Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

Visit our school website to see dates for tours.

Essex County Council applications open on 10th November 2025 and close on 15th January 2026.

These dates also apply to applications for children moving from year 2 into year 3.

