



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents



Welcome back! I do hope you all had a lovely Summer break – the children have certainly been keen to tell us all about their adventures. We have had a super first day of school with smiles from everyone. I am sure you have all noticed some of the building works we have had over the holidays. We now have two new classrooms for the school due to our increasing pupil numbers. This unit we have named the **Blue Building!**

To start with children will have Maths lessons, small group and 1:1 sessions in there. We have also relocated Dr Gwilliam our SENCO into the Blue Building. There is still some snagging work to be done with the IT equipment but we are very lucky the actual building is up and running as many schools are still waiting for theirs.

We have also had new internal ceiling and lights(in our main hall) - they certainly brighten up the whole place. Our external flat roof is nearly finished but there have been some delays. So we still have the scaffolding up but we are hoping for the completion of this project very soon.



We have been very lucky to have a very warm, sunny day for our first day back but it does mean lots of new jumpers and cardigans have been taken off! We are due hot weather for the rest of the week so it is useful for the children to have sun cream on, a sun hat and a water bottle in school. You can purchase a water bottle for £1 at the School Office.

Playground equipment

In the summer term and over the holidays most of our playground equipment found in the coloured outside boxes has gone missing or been broken, mainly due to children helping themselves at the beginning and end of the school day. We will replace the equipment but have told the children that it **must not be taken out or used before and after school**. We would appreciate your support with this as we do not have enough funding to keep replacing lost, missing and broken equipment.

End of school day for Y3/4 parents

In discussion with some parents and also due to our new buildings we are slightly changing how the children in Y3/4 leave their classrooms at the end of the day. We will still be releasing the children at the back external door, but unless a parent has told the class teacher that their child can walk home or be met away from the classroom, the class teacher will hold on to the children in the classroom until they see their adult.

School Uniform

It is lovely to see how smart the children look in their new school uniform. Please could you ensure that all school uniform is clearly named as lost property does build up. Can I also remind you that we encourage black or brown shoes that children can actively play in, navy trousers or skirt, gold polo shirt and navy cardigan or jumpers. Polo shirt sleeves should not be rolled up and if shorts are worn these should be tailored. Fleece are for outside wear, not instead of a jumper or cardigan and children will be asked to take them off inside. We also request that the children wear the appropriate coloured socks or tights for school: black, grey or blue, and girls may also wear white. Summer dresses of yellow or blue can still be worn while the sun is out. PE kits of navy shorts and house colour t-shirts should also be clearly named. It is beneficial to have a PE T-shirt in their house colour and Year 1 will be allocated a house by the end of next week.

After School and Lunchtime Clubs

Please find attached the list of after school and lunchtime clubs on offer to your children this term. Please note that the start dates for the clubs do vary and some will be dependent on weather. Steve from Horsham Leisure Link will now be running a multi sports club for years 1/2 and lessons can be booked and paid for in the office.



Topic Letters and Parent Information

Over the next few days the children will be coming home with letters about the topic and what they will be learning about this term. More information about this can be found on our website and VLE.

For parents who were unable to make the Welcome Meetings last term, there are also helpful leaflets about each year group. If you would like one of these please pop in and ask the class teacher. These will also be available on the VLE.



Healthy Schools



If your child would like a snack at morning break-time, please can you ensure that they bring either fruit or vegetables? Please **do not** send your child to school with **nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts** for their morning snack or lunch as we do have children in the school who have severe allergies to such items. We also encourage parents to think **healthy alternatives** to sweets and cakes if their child would like to celebrate their birthday with their class. Thank you for your support with this.

Your child is also encouraged to bring in a named, **clear** plastic bottle for drinking water in class. These should not be used for drinking squash or fruit juice.

Friends of Upper Beeding School (FUBS)

FUBS are holding their first meeting on Tuesday 20th September at 7.30pm at the Rising Sun. They will be discussing future fundraising events and if you have any ideas or would like to be involved, they would love to meet you. They are a great support for the school and children! Every little bit helps and you can see the difference FUBS makes.

Jeans for Genes Day! – Friday 23rd September

As a school we like to support different charities each year. Last year the School Council asked if we could support this worthwhile charity to raise money for children with genetic disorders. All children can wear jeans or a denim skirt or denim shorts instead of their school trousers / shorts or skirt for a £1 donation. The children will still wear their school polo shirt and jumper / cardigan. Thank you for your support.



Diary Dates

At the end of this letter are a list of dates of different events that are happening for this term. Additional dates will be added to each newsletter. We also update the website calendar regularly.

Staff changes

Sadly Mrs Carter will not be returning to her Teaching Assistant role as she has been selected to do some work for the charity St Barnabas Hospice. We wish her all the best in her new role. We are therefore currently looking for a KS2 Teaching Assistant and MMS. Information can be found on the wsgfl or at the School Office. We also have a vacancy for Clerk to Governors.

Stars Gymnastics Club is delighted to announce that they will be running 10 week courses after School on Wednesdays from Wednesday 14th September. For further information on pricing and times please email amandawadman@gmail.com to register your interest and supply the following information:-
- Child's name, address, date of birth, telephone number and any medical information. They will be happy to assist with a trial session for five pounds.

All courses will be run by two British Gymnastics qualified coaches. Please book a space first. Further information can be found on their website <http://www.starsgymclub.co.uk/>

Best wishes

Becky Linford
Head Teacher





Dates for Autumn Term 2016

Wed 7th Sep
 Thu 8th Sept
 Mon 12th Sep
 Wed 14th Sep
 Fri 16th Sep
 Fri 16th Sep
 Mon 19th Sep
 Tues 20th Sep
 Fri 23rd Sep
 Fri 23rd Sep
 Fri 23rd Sep
 Mon 26th Sep
 Thu 29th Sep
 Thu 29th Sep
 Fri 30th Sep
 Fri 30th Sep
 Mon 3rd Oct
 Tue 4th Oct
 Tue 4th Oct
 Thu 6th Oct
 Fri 7th Oct
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 Fri 28th Oct
 Wed 2nd Nov
 Thu 3rd Nov
 Fri 4th Nov
 Fri 4th Nov
 Fri 11th Nov
 Fri 11th Nov
 Fri 18th Nov
 Fri 18th Nov
 Fri 18th Nov
 Fri 25th Nov
 Fri 25th Nov
 Thu 1st Dec
 Fri 2nd Dec
 Fri 2nd Dec

First Day Back – AUTUMN TERM
 1:15pm Bikeability pre talk to Yr 6
 Autumn Born Children start 8:55 – 12:00
 Spring Born children start 8:55 – 12:00
 Mexico Class Assembly
 Swimming starts Mexico and India
 Summer Born children start 8:55 – 12:00
 FUBS Meeting at The Rising Sun, 7:30pm all parents welcome
 Jeans for Genes Day
 Swimming Mexico and India
 Spain class Assembly
 Start of Bikeability Week Yr 6
 Travelling Book Fair Arrives
 6:00pm-7:00pm Yr 5/6 Parent Residential meeting
 Kenya class Assembly
 Swimming Mexico and India
 KS1 Rainbow Theatre visiting
 FUBS Bags2School
 Yr 3/4 Trip to Butser Farm
 Travelling Book Fair departs
 USA class Assembly
 Swimming Mexico and India
 Yr 5/6 Residential Visit (5 days!)
 Shakespeare Week
 9:00-10:00am Harvest Festival to parents
 1:30-2:30 Harvest Festival to Community
 Ireland class Assembly
 Swimming Mexico and India
 First Day of Half Term
 Last Day of Half Term
 Parents Evening
 Parents Evening
 Italy class Assembly
 Swimming Mexico and India
 Japan class Assembly
 Swimming Mexico and India
 Children in Need run by Yr 5/6
 France class Assembly
 Swimming Mexico and India
 Swimming Mexico and India
 Poland class Assembly
 Reception Nativity to parents
 FUBS Non School Uniform for Christmas Fair
 Australia class Assembly



Fri 2nd Dec
 Mon 5th Dec
 Tue 6th Dec
 Wed 7th Dec
 Fri 9th Dec
 Mon 12th Dec
 Tue 13th Dec
 Wed 14th Dec
 Wed 14th Dec
 Fri 16th Dec
 Fri 16th Dec
 Mon 2nd Jan
 Tue 3rd Jan

LAST Swimming Mexico and Spain
 2:00 KS1 Performance
 2:00 KS1 Performance
 FUBS Christmas Gift Sale
 5:30pm-8:00pm FUBS Christmas Fair
 2:00pm KS2 Performance
 1:30 KS2 Performance to the Community
 2:00pm KS2 Performance
 5:00pm-6:30pm KS2 Christmas Disco
LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Start of Christmas Holiday
 Bank Holiday
 INSET DAY 3



Dates for Spring Term 2017

Wed 4th Jan
 Tues 17th Jan
 Wed 18th Jan
 Mon 20th Feb
 Fri 24th Feb
 Wed 1st Mar
 Thu 2nd Mar
 Tue 21st Mar
 Mon 10th Apr
 Fri 14th Apr
 Mon 17th Apr
 Fri 21st Apr

Spring Term starts
 Annual Children's Concert
 Young Voices O2 Trip
Start of Half Term
Last Day of Half Term
 Parents Meeting
 Parents Meeting
 Chanctonbury Music Festival
Start of Easter Holiday
 Good Friday
 Easter Monday
 Last day of Easter Holiday



Academic Year 2016 to 2017

Term	Dates
Autumn Term	Starts: Monday 5 September Half term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October Ends: Friday 16 December INSET Days: Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 September
Christmas Break	Friday 19 December to Friday 30 December
Spring Term ☆	Starts: Tuesday 3 January Half term: Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February Ends: Friday 7 April Bank Holiday: Monday 2 January, Friday 14 April, and Monday 17 April INSET Days: Tuesday 3 January
Easter Break	Monday 10 to Friday 21 April
Summer Term ☆	Starts: Monday 24 April Half term: Tuesday 30 May to Friday 2 June Ends: Tuesday 25 July Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May and Monday 29 May INSET Days: Monday 5 June, Friday 7 July

☆Includes [bank holidays](#)

