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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying this lovely weather and although it has broken today, we are hoping the sunshine will return.

Changes to Plans We are really disappointed that due to the recent Government announcement, West Sussex County Council guidance and a review of our Covid-19 Risk assessment, we are unable to continue with some of our planned events with parent participation. We are also having to move some dates of events so we can still give children the opportunity to take part in as many activities we can. School leaders, together with Governors and staff, have spent many hours reviewing all the different options and guidance and have focussed on the safety and wellbeing of children and staff. Please see below the changes we have had to make:

- New Entrants Welcome Meeting on 22nd June at 6:00pm will still take place, but will now be a virtual event – see letter sent out yesterday to new entrant parents.
- Sports Day with parents' attendance on 1st July will no longer take place; we will have sports events for the children to take part in, but at a different time and still encompassing a 'sports day' feel.
- Year Group Welcome Meetings for parents will now be held virtually and the link will be sent out nearer the time.
 - Y1/2 Welcome Meeting will now be Wednesday 14th July at 4:00pm
 - Y3/4 Welcome Meeting will be Thursday 15th July at 4:00pm
 - Y5/6 Welcome Meeting will be Thursday 15th July at 4:45pm
- Transition morning for the children to meet their new class teacher has been moved to Monday 19th July.
- Year 6 transition day to secondary school has now moved to virtual activities in school – Y6 parents should have received an email from the secondary school your child will be attending with information about the virtual and transitional events they are holding.
- Y1/2 visit to Brighton Seafront and Hove Lagoon is unable to take place. Instead, we have planned a fun seaside themed day in school on Monday 28th June. A letter from KS1 with more information will come out next week.
- We are seeking further advice, but currently the Y5/6 production performance will not take place for parents on July 5th / 6th. We will be filming the production for parents and are looking into what else we can do.
- Reception class visit to Washbrook Farm will currently still take place on Thursday 24th June.
- Y6 Leavers' Assembly will currently go ahead as planned with parents present on Tuesday 20th July at 10:00am.
- Y6 Leavers' Party will also go ahead as planned on Tuesday 20th July, 4:00 – 6:00pm.

None of these decisions have been made lightly and I fully understand how disappointing this is for everyone involved. Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue with the rest of this term.

Letter from Paul Wagstaff Please see attached a letter from Paul Wagstaff, Director of Education and Skills at West Sussex County Council, regarding West Sussex's view on the Government's delay in the easing of Covid restrictions.





Focus Week – Arts Week We are so looking forward to our 'Arts Week' and have so much planned for the children, including visits from Junk Percussionists Ollie Turner and Ollie Heath! We are really grateful to everyone who has managed to create an Eco Brick, but still need some more – please keep them coming in all next week.

Hot Weather Please make sure your child has sun cream, a sun hat and a water bottle every day.

Contacting Class Teachers If you need to contact a class teacher, please email the teacher directly or email/phone the School Office, who will pass this on for you. The School Office can help if you need teachers' email addresses. We are encouraging parents to email teachers rather than use the VLE as we will no longer be using this system as a form of communication from September.

Parent Changes to Afternoon Pick-Up Arrangements If your arrangements regarding pick up change once your child is at school, please email the School Office BEFORE 12.00 Noon but telephone the School Office AFTER 12.00 Noon to ensure we are able to communicate this to teachers/children.

Face Masks Please may we remind you to wear a face mask when coming into the office area of the school – thank you for your support.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy Key Stage 2 We are currently advertising for a teaching assistant in KS2 for September. Please click on this [link](#) if you are interested in finding out more about it.



Parent Survey Thank you so much to everyone who has already completed this survey. The closing date for responses is Friday 25th June and if you click on the title it will take you straight there.

Intruders on our Premises We are sad to report that we are still having intruders on our school grounds after school is closed, particularly later in the evening. Please could we ask anyone who witnesses anything of this nature to report it to the police/local wardens immediately on 07734 387 889 or 07734 387 888 – thank you for your help.

FUBS News!

FUBS Pre-Loved School Uniform Sales FUBS will be continuing with these popular sales in the car park after school – see below for dates of proposed sales. Anybody needing items of uniform in between sale dates can email the School Office with their requirements. FUBS are looking for volunteers to help with the sales – please use this link if you can help them [VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - FUBS Uniform Sales signup sheet](#)

FUBS Summer Fete Due to the recent guidance FUBS are having to postpone the Summer Fete, but we can confirm the new date will be **11th SEPTEMBER** - please put in your diary!



FUBS Summer Online Raffle Could you please help with a prize? Following the success of previous online raffles, FUBS would like to hear from anyone who could be willing to donate a prize for their online Summer Raffle this year. Please contact FUBS as soon as possible on fubsoffice@gmail.com if you can help as they would like to get the raffle tickets on sale soon.

Join the FUBS Team FUBS are looking for a secretary to join the team! Responsibilities would include things like taking Minutes at FUBS meetings, monitoring the FUBS email account, and dealing with correspondence. If you would like further information about this voluntary role, please email fubsoffice@gmail.com and someone will contact you for a chat. They look forward to hearing from you.

Amazon Smile FUBS are now registered with Amazon Smile which means that Amazon will make a 0.5% donation to FUBS each time you buy something. All you have to do is shop via smile.amazon.co.uk rather than just amazon.co.uk, and select Friends of Upper Beeding School as your chosen charity. There are no extra costs or charges for this. If you are a Prime customer then Amazon will make an amazing 5% donation on purchases made on 21 and 22 June 2021. So sign up quick to make the most of this free money!



FUBS Bag2School Collection Due to the success of the last collection we have another one booked for **Thursday 15th July** so start clearing out those cupboards and drawers ready! Please bring your donations (see list below) into school by **9:15am** – we are not being supplied with bags again this year so please use/reuse bin liners or strong carrier bags that can be tied up – no open bags please! Unfortunately, we are unable to take in any bags in advance of the collection day due to current guidelines/restrictions and lack of storage space.



Acceptable items are: Men's, ladies' and children's clothing; paired shoes (tied or held together with an elastic band); handbags; hats; bags; scarves; ties; jewellery; lingerie; socks; belts; household linen; household curtains; household towels; household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers). All **good quality** please. They **cannot accept**: soft toys; duvets; blankets; pillows; cushions; carpets; rugs; mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats); soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing; school uniforms with and without logo; corporate clothing/work wear; textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.



Epic Cycle Ride Upper Beeding parent Ed Watson is riding 500 miles around Scotland to very kindly raise money for our school. This is what he has to say about his epic trip: "Myself and a few others have decided to cycle 500 Miles in early July, (in a manner similar to The Proclaimers!), around the North Coast of Scotland on a route aptly named the NC500. It's littered with venomous hills, midgies, and horizontal Scottish rain so is going to be a challenge. Whether it's worth covering myself in lycra and chaffing even the parts Heineken can't reach is debateable, but I am going to have a crack at it!

I have decided to raise money for the local school, (Upper Beeding Primary School), that my children are at or have been at. They are desperately short of funds for resources and could really do with an injection of cash to assist them. If you could dig deeply it would be hugely appreciated. Many thanks in advance, Ed Watson".

If you would like to support Ed in this amazing challenge, please click on this link: ed.watson.is.fundraising.for.Friends.of.Upper.Beeding.School.justgiving.com

Best wishes

Becky Linford
Head Teacher



Dates for Summer Term 2021

Mon 21st Jun – Fri 25th Jun

Thu 24th Jun

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Mon 28th Jun

Tue 29th Jun

Wed 7th Jul

Fri 9th Jul

Wed 14th Jul

Wed 14th Jul

Thu 15th Jul

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Focus Week – The Arts and Recycling

Reception Visit to Washbrook Farm

3:00 FUBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

KS1 Seaside Day

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INSET Day – School Closed

Annual Reports to Parents

4:00 Year 1/2 Virtual Welcome Meetings

4:00 Year 3/4 Virtual Welcome Meetings

4:45 Year 5/6 Virtual Welcome Meetings



Mon 19th Jul
 Tue 20th Jul
 Tue 20th Jul
 Wed 21st Jul

Transition Morning
 10:00 Year 6 Leavers Assembly
 4:00 Year 6 Leavers Party
 Last Day of Summer Term

Academic Year 2020 to 2021

Term	Dates
Summer Term 2021	Starts: Monday 19 th April Half Term: Tuesday 1 st June to Friday 4 th June Ends: Wednesday 21 st July Bank Holidays: Monday 3 rd May and Monday 31 st May INSET Days: Friday 9 th July, Thursday 22 nd July, Friday 23 rd July

Academic Year 2021 to 2022

Term	Dates
Autumn Term 2021	Starts: Thursday 2 nd September Half Term: Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October Ends: Friday 17 th December Bank Holidays: None INSET Days: Thursday 2 nd September, Friday 3 rd September
Christmas Break	Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January
Spring Term 2022	Starts: Tuesday 4 th January Half Term: Monday 21 st February to Friday 25 th February Ends: Friday 8 th April INSET Days: To be confirmed
Easter Break	Monday 11 th April to Friday 22 nd April
Summer Term 2022	Starts: Monday 25 th April Half Term: Monday 30 th May Wednesday 1 st June Ends: Friday 22 nd July Bank Holidays: Monday 2 nd May, Thursday 2 nd June, and Friday 3 rd June INSET Days: Friday 8 th July, Thursday 21 st July, Friday 22 nd July



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