

# Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a lovely Christmas with your families and a good New Year. Although the lead up to Christmas already seems a long time ago, I would like to congratulate the children for their fantastic performances in the Christmas productions. The children, from Reception to Year 6, sang, acted or narrated superbly as I'm sure all of you who attended will agree. Thank you to the staff for all their effort and support of the children to ensure the productions looked so good.

I would like to welcome Mrs Duguid to the school as class teacher of Australia Class and wish her a very happy time at Upper Beeding.



We have an exciting term lined up for the children, starting with Mrs Disney taking the school choir to the O2 for the Young Voices Concert in a couple of weeks' time. We will also be launching our new topics for the term with Reception looking at Fairytales, Year 1/2 will be On The Move, Y3/4 will be taking a look at the Amazing Americas and Y5/6 will be going To Infinity and Beyond.



On 5<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding a Safer Internet presentation to support parents with the complicated world of apps, social media, the internet and ensuring children are safe when using them. We hope to see as many of you as possible for this important event. Further details to follow.

Best wishes,  
Mr Andrews, Head Teacher

## Attendance Update

A huge well done to Australia Class who were our best attending class of the second half of the Autumn term! As their reward for excellent attendance, the children will be allowed to wear their own clothes to school on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January** and will have an extra 'Golden' Playtime.



## Sporting Success



Last term, a crack team of cross country runners took part in the locality schools competition held at Steyning. I am delighted to say that the whole team represented us incredibly well and were keen and fair competitors. A number of children put in particularly impressive performances and finished in the top 3 in their category. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to Miss Underdown for organising our participation in the event.

Earlier in the term children also participated against locality schools in football (boys), football (girls), basketball, and netball. Well done everyone who took part, and for parents for driving their children to the tournaments.

## General Information

**Children due to start school in September 2024** The deadline for applying for school places is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**. Please apply at: [westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://westsussex.gov.uk/admissions).



**Music Tuition at School** If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument, we offer the following lessons that take place here at school. Please contact the external instructors directly for further information, prices, and availability of lesson places – see list below:



Guitar	Mr Graham Hinton	<a href="mailto:graham.hinton@westsussexmusic.co.uk">graham.hinton@westsussexmusic.co.uk</a>
Piano and Violin	Miss Natasha White	<a href="mailto:natasha.c.white@outlook.com">natasha.c.white@outlook.com</a>
Drums	Mr Blake Mostyn	<a href="mailto:blake.mostyn@googlemail.com">blake.mostyn@googlemail.com</a>
Recorder / Flute	Mr Dom Smith	<a href="mailto:domsmithsmusic@gmail.com">domsmithsmusic@gmail.com</a>



**Would you like to be a School Governor?** Upper Beeding Primary School currently has a vacancy for a Governor. This is an exciting opportunity to join our Governing Body and be part of a dynamic team helping to shape and facilitate the strategic future of our school.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor of this school, please contact the Clerk via email on [louise.brown@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk](mailto:louise.brown@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk) for further information. Applications will be accepted

from community, parents, and grandparents. Please pass on this message to anyone you think you would like to join our team – we look forward to hearing from you!

**Extra Help for Low Income Families – Pupil Premium/Free School Meals Eligibility**

Just a reminder to everyone that extra help could be available for families who receive certain benefits. This could help with assistance towards the cost of school trips, school uniform/shoes, hot school meals. It could also mean extra funding for school. If you feel you might qualify, please speak in confidence to Christine Gilliam in the school office.



**Pre-Loved Uniform Sales** The full sale will continue to take place as often as weather permits as we need it to be dry and not windy to put all the rails and boxes out, but if you require anything urgently, please email or pop into the school office and we can have a look for you. All items are still just £1.00 each, so there are bargains to be had! We are always happy to take in donations of good condition, outgrown uniform to keep the shop well stocked – please hand into the office.

**Uniform and Costumes Storage** We are hoping to install some sheds at the front of the school specifically for the uniform so it can be available to parents whatever the weather – we know how much this pre-loved clothing scheme means to some of our families, and we want to make it as accessible as possible. Eventually we hope to stock some pre-loved Steyning Grammar uniform too.

As well, we hope to build up a supply of costumes that can be hired very, very cheaply for topics, Wow Days, World Book Days, nativities etc. We plan to have these in a shed at the front of the building to be easily accessible when needed.

If you have any outgrown costumes in decent condition at home, we would be very happy to accept them for the proposed costume store.

**We would welcome sponsorship towards the costs of the required storage – if you own a company, or work for a company, that may be interested in supporting this valuable resource, or would be willing to match fund what we have saved up so far, please contact Lou in the school office.**



**We would also welcome help with laying a concrete base and erecting the sheds. Thank you for your support.**



**Milk** If you would like your current Reception child to continue to have milk in school when they reach the age of 5, please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) to order and pay for milk. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Gilliam in the School Office. If your child is **under 5** we will register your child on your behalf as they are entitled to free milk.



**sQuid Payment System** Our school operates as a no cash environment, and we use a payment system called sQuid. Each child has an individual sQuid account, and parents can link additional accounts for siblings. sQuid is currently used for everything standard such as trips, swimming, production/disco tickets etc.



Further to suggestions raised by yourselves, we also use sQuid for payments such as donations for charity days, and when purchasing pre-loved uniform to save you trying to find change. You also now have the option of paying for topics and events by instalment schemes to help you budget with school expenses, as we appreciate sometimes everything seems to come at once.....



**Parking** To ensure the continued safety of our children and families, the school car-park will still be out of use to all parents at both drop off and pick up times unless you have been issued with a school parking permit for this academic year. When parking on the roads surrounding the school, please give consideration to families who may be crossing, and to our neighbours who may need to use their driveways. Thank you for your continued support.

**Communication Box** To save you queuing at the office at peak times, our red communication box is in the entrance hall if you just need to hand something in. This box is emptied late morning every day. It can be used for letters/forms/FUBS items etc.



## FUBS News

**Thank You** FUBS thank you all again for your ongoing support, helping them to raise much needed extra funding for the school.



FUBS are always looking for new faces to join them, so if you would like to get involved, would like more information, or have some fundraising ideas to share, please message them on [FUBScontact@gmail.com](mailto:FUBScontact@gmail.com) or speak to Lou in the school office.

**Easyfundraising** Friends of Upper Beeding School are registered with Easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use Easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help **SO MUCH**, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long <https://tinyurl.com/EFUBPS>



## Eco and Recycling News

Thank you so much for the amount of recycling you are sending in – the children love putting it in their special class bin in the hope that they will collect the most each term and win the prize! It is also good to know that these items are being kept from landfill, and you are raising money for the school.



This scheme is continuing this year. Please only send in items that are on the list as we are unable to recycle other things for cash (see end of this newsletter for list). Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to **JAPAN Class** who are the recycling champions for the Autumn term – they have won £25 to spend in their classroom. Well done Japan! Who is going to be the winner this term?



## Clothing and Textile Recycling

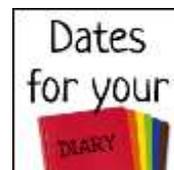
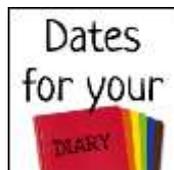
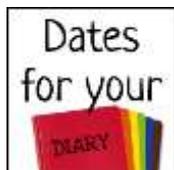
The clothing bank has already had lots of use since it appeared on site here at our school. You will no longer have to save up your unwanted items for our six monthly collections, you can put it into our clothing bank



daily at drop off and pick up, and even when the school is closed. Please think of this green bin when having a Spring Clean in the wardrobes! And not only are we saving all these things from landfill, and fulfilling a need for second-hand clothing and textiles, we get paid by the kilo – win, win!

**Acceptable items:** all clothing; all shoes; bed linen; towels; accessories such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags; soft toys.

**Not acceptable:** duvets; cushions; off cuts; used underwear and socks; carpet; rugs; curtains.



## Dates for Spring Term 2024

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jan**

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**Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jan**

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**Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Feb**

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

**Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Mar**

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Mar**

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**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar to Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar**

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**1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico**

**2:30 Australia Class Golden Play**

**KS2 Choir at Young Voices @ O2 Arena, London**

**TOPIC Year 5/6 Wow Day – Space VR**

**1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico**

**TOPIC 1:00 Penny Farthing Visiting KS1**

**1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico**

**2:30 Mexico Class Golden Play**

**TOPIC 1:00 Zoolab Visiting Year 3/4**

**1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico**

**2:45 Safer Internet Presentation for Parents**

**TOPIC Year 5/6 visit to Science Museum**

**1:00 West Sussex Library visiting KS1**

**1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico**

**Half Term Week – School Closed**

**1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico**

**3:30 Parent Teacher Meetings**

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**1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico LAST SESSION**

**Year 5/6 Chef Day 2**

**2:30 Residential 2024 Meeting for Parents**

**YOPIC Year 1/2 Visit to Amberley Museum**

**1:00 Swimming Japan and France FIRST SESSION**

**2:45 USA Class Assembly**

**CHARITY Red Nose Day for Comic Relief**

**2:45 FRANCE Class Assembly**

**2:45 KENYA Class Assembly**

**1:00 Swimming Japan and France**

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**Year 5/6 Residential Visit**

**TOPIC Vintage Bus Visiting KS1**

**TOPIC 10:00 Road Safety Magic Show Visiting KS1**

**Last Day of Spring Term**



## Dates for Summer Term 2024

<p>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr          Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Apr          Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Apr          Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Apr          Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> May          Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May          Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May          Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May          Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May          Mon 20<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May          Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May          Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May          Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May          Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun          Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Jun          Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jun          Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jun          Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun          Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Jun to Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Jun          Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Jun          Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jul          Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Jul</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">First Day of Summer Term          School Class Photos          1:00 Swimming Japan and France          1:00 Swimming Japan and France          Year 5/6 Chef Day 3          1:00 Swimming Japan and France  <b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>          1:00 Swimming Japan and France          1:00 Swimming Japan and France          Walk to School Week          KS2 Choir at Chanctonbury Festival          1:00 Swimming Japan and France  <b>Half Term Week – School Closed</b>  <b>INSET Day 4 – School Closed</b>          1:00 Swimming Japan and France <b>LAST SESSION</b>          2:45 AUSTRALIA Class Assembly          2:45 JAPAN Class Assembly  <b>FUBS FEST</b>          Arts Focus Week          2:45 BRAZIL Class Assembly  <b>INSET Day 5 – School Closed</b>          Last Day of Summer Term</p>
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## Academic Year 2023 to 2024

<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	<b>Starts:</b> Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Ends:</b> Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Bank Holidays:</b> None <b>INSET Days:</b> Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September, Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Christmas Break</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	<b>Starts:</b> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Ends:</b> Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March <b>INSET Day:</b> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
<b>Easter Break</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May <b>Ends:</b> Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July <b>Bank Holidays:</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May <b>INSET Days:</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June, Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July



## What we can recycle for cash - please help us by collecting the following:

### **Bread Product Packaging – any brand**

**YES** Any brand of plastic bread bags and closure tags; any brand of bakery plastic packaging (e.g. plastic trays, zipper bags, plastic packs, etc.)

**NO** Paper bread bags; combined paper and film window bags; wax wrap

### **Cheese Product Packaging – any brand**

**YES** Any brand of flexible plastic cheese packaging, nets and pouches; any brand of sliced cheese protective film; any brand of individual plastic cheese wrappers; labels from Cathedral City Minis packs of six; any brand of plastic nets for mini cheeses.

**NO** Plastic cheese tubs and trays; non-flexible plastic cheese packaging ie cardboard, aluminium or paper packaging; cheese slice dividers/wrappers; squeeze cheese tubes; labels from mini cheese nets apart from Cathedral City.

### **Beauty and Personal Care Products – any brand**

**YES** Flexible plastic and metallic plastic tubes used for body creams, ointments or moisturisers; eye shadow compacts; flexible plastic packaging used for facial cleansing wipes; mascara tubes and wands; lipsticks, lip glosses and lip balms; cheek highlighter and bronzer sticks.

**NO** Glass; rigid plastic bottles, pots and tubs used for personal care; flexible plastic tubes such as hair care, shower gel, food and glue tubes; flexible plastic wipes packaging such as baby wipes and cleaning wipes; deodorant, body spray or perfume bottles; cardboard packaging.

### **Pringles Tubes – Pringles brand only**

**YES** Pringles brand tubes only.

**NO** Other brand of tubes; plastic lids; crisp packets.

### **Coffee Product Packaging – any brand**

**YES** Any brand of coffee bean pouches; any brand of individual coffee bag sachets; any brand of ground coffee pouches.

**NO** Individual coffee bags; coffee capsules; ground coffee; cardboard packaging.

### **Marigold Gloves - Marigold brand only**

**YES** Marigold brand durable gloves; Marigold brand disposable gloves; Marigold brand gloves plastic packaging.

**NO** Other brand of gloves.

### **Home Hygiene Product Packaging – any brand**

**YES** Any brand flexible cleaning product refill packaging; flexible home cleaning wipe packaging; dishwasher cleaner outer packaging; flexible plastic dishwasher salt bags; flexible plastic dishwashing tablet bags; outer plastic sleeve from hard plastic dishwashing tablets; flexible stain remover powder packaging; fragrance twin packs plastic sleeves.

**NO** Laundry detergent packaging; toilet freshener packaging; aerosols; plastic bottles and tubs; fragrance candles, plug-ins, reeds, and auto-sprays; soda crystals packaging; washing machine and oven cleaner packaging; cardboard.

### **Printer Cartridges**

**YES** Any brand ink cartridges for personal computers.

**NO** Toner cartridges; large commercial ink cartridges.



### **Food Storage Containers and Reusable Bottles**

**YES** All brands of (rigid) plastic food containers and lids (includes plastic takeaway boxes!); all brands of reusable plastic water bottles and lids.

**NO** Glass containers and lids; Glass bottles and caps; flexible plastic containers and bottles.

### **Biscuit, Cracker and Cake Product Packaging – any brand**

**YES** All brands of non-savoury biscuit flexible plastic wrappers; all brands of cracker flexible plastic wrappers; all brands of cake flexible plastic wrappers.

**NO** Foil wrappers; cardboard packets.

Please share the above with your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues – posters can be supplied if they would be useful, just ask Lou in the office! A hard copy of the above list is always available in the letter rack by the office, or can be emailed to you.

