

Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to our second newsletter of the school year. Since the last one we have had a very busy time in school with the children taking part in a range of sports competitions such as girls and boys football, cross country, netball and basketball. The children have represented us superbly in every event and we are very proud of them. Year 1/2 visited Arundel Castle in October and Year 3/4 and Y5/6 will be going to Fishbourne Roman Palace and Newhaven Fort respectively next week. Year 3/4 were also visited by the Rainbow theatre for their Roman Wow day.

We have just had a very exciting Maths Week led by Mrs. Stringer and Mr. Jones where we welcomed a huge number of parents to the school to play the maths games the pupils created. As you can see, we've crammed quite a lot into the year already!



If you have an interest in sport and feel that you can offer some time to provide our children with a club, before or after school, please let the office know. We offer a wide range of clubs, but we also compete in all the sporting competitions available to us in our locality. Sometimes it is a challenge to provide the children with all the practice they need for these events, so any help would be gratefully received.

Thank you to the FUBs team for raising a fantastic £750 from the Pumpkin Light Trail evening. It was great to see the event so well attended, so thanks to all who came. I was glad that I escaped the very difficult job of judging all the incredible pumpkins, with Mrs. Quigley doing the honours and selecting the winners from across the age ranges.



Please look out for a letter today about our exciting new initiative Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) which is being led by Mr. Hughes and a working group made up of staff, Governors and parents.

And finally, just a reminder that if your child has had diarrhoea or been vomiting they should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours). Please see the [NHS website](#) for information about other illnesses that may affect your child's school attendance.

Best wishes,

Mr Andrews
Head Teacher

Attendance Update

The Autumn 1 Attendance Award was won by Mexico Class. Congratulations to the children for their fantastic attendance from September to the end of October! Mexico Class will get an extra 'golden' play as a reward and will be able to wear their own clothes to school that day. Date tbc.



General Information



Children in Need This takes place on **Friday 17th November**, and a letter was emailed earlier this week with full information. Let's get Spotacular!

Chartwells Christmas Lunch will be on **Thursday 14th December** and orders need to be made on ParentPay by Thursday 30th November (any special diets will remain in place).

Christmas Countdown This will be issued at the end of November giving an overview of the last few weeks of term, but all the festive events are listed on the Dates for Autumn Term section of this newsletter, and also on the school website calendar. Full details of events will be sent out when they become available.



Birthday Celebrations We always celebrate birthdays in school in both the classroom and in assembly. I know that some parents like to give their child something to share with their class, which is lovely, but please do not send in sweets – healthy alternatives are much more acceptable. Thank you for your support with this.

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 Topic/Christmas 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.

We also 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 also 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 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. 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 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 now 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.

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 on 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!



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.

Guitar
Piano and Violin
Drums
Recorder / Flute

Mr Graham Hinton
Miss Natasha White
Mr Blake Mostyn
Mr Dom Smith

graham.hinton@westsussexmusic.co.uk
natasha.c.white@outlook.com
blake.mostyn@googlemail.com
domsmithsmusic@gmail.com



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.



Christmas Gift Sale The children brought home a letter about this earlier this week, and orders have been coming in. Just a reminder that the closing date for applications is **Thursday 16th November** so FUBS can get the shopping done.

Christmas Market This will take place on **Friday 8th December** so please put the date in your diary. Further details will follow soon.

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 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 newsletter for list). Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to **GREECE Class** who are the recycling champions for the Summer term – they have won £25 to spend in their classroom. Well done Greece, that is the fourth win for your class – who is going to challenge them this term?

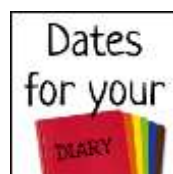
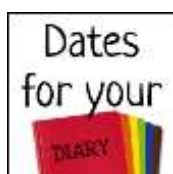


Clothing and Textile Recycling

The new 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 sorting out your outgrown summer clothing! 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 Autumn Term 2023

Mon 6th Nov to Fri 10th Nov

Fri 10th Nov

Fri 10th Nov

Mon 13th Nov

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Wed 15th Nov

Wed 15th Nov

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Thu 16th Nov

Fri 17th Nov

Fri 17th Nov

Maths Focus Week

1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil

3:15 Travelling Book Fair

3:15 Travelling Book Fair

3:45 Yr 5/6 Netball Tournament @ SGS

Yr 5/6 visit to Newhaven Fort

3:45 KS2 Cross Country Tournament @ SPS

9:00 Maths Session for Reception Parents

Yr 3/4 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace

Charity Day - Children in Need

1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil

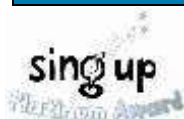


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 Mon 4th Dec
 Tue 5th Dec
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2:45 Morocco Class Assembly
 Yrs R to 6 Flu Vaccinations
 Yr 3/4 Roman Soldier/Camp Workshop
 1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil – LAST session
 2:40 Story Time Session for Reception Parents
 2:45 Mexico Class Assembly
 FUBS Christmas Gift Sale
 School Photographs
 Movember Day
 Donation Day – FUBS Christmas Market
 1:00 Swimming Morocco & Mexico – FIRST session
 3:30 Choir Singing at Steyning Christmas Event
 TBC 2:45 Greece Class Assembly
 2:00 KS1 Christmas Production to Parents
 2:00 KS1 Christmas Production to Parents
 Charity Day - Reindeer Fun Run
 9:30 Reception Christmas Nativity to Parents
 1:00 Swimming Morocco & Mexico
 5:30 to 8:00 FUBS Christmas Market
 2:15 KS2 Christmas Show to Parents
 10:00 KS2 Christmas Show to Parents
 2:00 KS2 Christmas Show to Elderly Community
 Christmas Panto @ Worthing
 Chartwells Christmas Lunch
 4:30 to 6:00 KS2 Christmas Disco
 Last Day of Autumn Term

Academic Year 2023 to 2024

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

Confectionery Product Packaging – any brand

SCHEME NOW FINISHED

