

# **Upper Beeding Primary School**

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Autumn 6 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Dear Parents,

The term is flying by fast with lots of activities and events still to come. Next week we will be decorating the school for Christmas – if anyone has any spare decorations they would like to donate they would be greatly appreciated.



**Christmas Performance KS1 "Noisy Nativity" & KS2 "One Night in Bethlehem"** We are really looking forward to seeing the children performances this year. Please see attached letter about dates, times and ticket sales for both KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances. KS2 are also performing to the senior citizens and grandparents are more than welcome to attend.

**Receptions performance "A Little Bird Told Me" is** on <u>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am</u>. No tickets are required and everyone is welcome.

**Comic Relief!** Thank you to the parents who made cakes for Yr 5/6 to sell at break times, together with the sales of books and spotty donations we raised just under £475 for Children in Need. This was the most we have ever raised and a big well done to the Y5/6 children and staff who ran the events. Thank you.





**Christmas Countdown** Please see attached 'Countdown for Christmas' outlining the different activities and events the children are taking part in, we have a very busy and fun filled month of December! We are starting with a choir and late night shopping in Steyning on Wednesday

2<sup>nd</sup> and on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> we have our youngest children performing their Christmas show. We also have on the 4<sup>th</sup> students from SGS visiting on their annual "Jailbreak". The children can bring in coins of any nomination to donate to their cause. Next Friday is our first non-school uniform in return for donations for the Christmas Fair FUBS have organised for Fri 11<sup>th</sup> December. It promises to be another super event!

**Dodge ball** With the staging being erected for the School performances and Christmas decorations going up next week it will not be possible to continue with Mr Hurst's afterschool Dodge ball club. The club will continue in the Spring Term.

**SQUID** Recently we sent home a letter to all parents with an update on how to access our online payment system SQUID. Thank you to all the parents that have accessed their account and are using the system to make any payments. As a school we are working towards a cashless system and would encourage any parents who have not registered to do so. Thank you for your help with this.















**RNIB** A reminder that we are still collecting stamps for The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB). It doesn't matter if they have already been used, overseas or if they are everyday first or second class stamps – the more stamps they get the more they can raise for RNIB. Please collect your stamps and bring in to the office. Thank you





### Flora Tubs for Schools from TESCOS

This offer has now finished could you please bring in any Flora Tubs4tablet foils to the office and then we and send them off.

Please find attached an updated copy of the Little Footsteps Children & Family Centre's and Rural Henfield & Steyning Children & Family Centre's programme for November - December. This extra edition gives details of our Play & Learn Together which return to weekly sessions in November. Also new are the School Admissions drop ins.

We look forward to seeing you all in school for our Christmas shows.

Best wishes

Becky Linford Headteacher



## Dates for Autumn Term 2015

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec



9:15am Reception Xmas Show JAILBREAK Steyning Grammar School visiting Non Uniform Day donations for Christmas Fair 10:00 KS1 Xmas Show Dress Rehearsal 2:00pm KS1 Noisy Nativity Xmas Show Whole School CD recording 2:00pm KS1 Noisy Nativity Xmas Show 9:00am Reception & KS1 West End in Schools Pantomime 10:30am KS2 West End in Schools Pantomime Reception visiting Happy Steps and B & B Playgroup Wear something Red or Christmassy Day 5:30-8:00pm Xmas Fayre Chartwells Christmas Lunch

WW2 Tea Dance Year 5/6 parents invited from 2:30pm

**Christmas Post Box arrives in the Library** 

Last swimming lesson for Mexico and Japan

10:00 KS2 One Night in Bethlehem Dress Rehearsal 6:00pm KS2 One Night in Bethlehem Performance 1:30pm KS2 One Night in Bethlehem Show to Community 6:00pm KS2 One Night in Bethlehem 5:00 - 6:30pm KS2 Christmas Disco















FUBS Christmas Gift Sale Solar Dome PM Rec Christmas Party 1:30 – 3:00 KS1 &KS2 Festive Film Show Last Day of Term SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED - Christmas Holiday

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Dec NORMAL FINISH TIME Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Dec



## Dates for Spring Term 2016

| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | START OF THE SPRING TERM                            |
|--------------------------|---|
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan | 1:15-3:00 Yr 5/6 Swim Gala Steyning Leisure Centre  |
| Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Annual Children's Concert                           |
| Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Young Voices at O2                                  |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | Yr 3 Seated Volleyball Steyning Grammar School      |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb | SCHOOL CLOSED Half Term                             |
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb | Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> part of Spring Term        |
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb | Mr Paul Geraghty Author visiting – BOOK WEEK starts |
| Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 9:00 – KS1 West End in School                       |
| Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 10:30 – KS2 West End in School                      |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Dance Time  |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | KS1 Trip to Amberley Chalk Pits                     |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | Yr 5/6 Netball Tournament at the Towers             |
| Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby Steyning Primary                   |
| Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar | FUBS Bags 2 School Collection                       |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar | SPORT RELIEF run by Yr 5/6                          |
| Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Last day of term                                    |
| Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar | SCHOOL CLOSED – Good Friday                         |
| Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar | First Day of Easter Holiday                         |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | Last Day of Easter Holiday                          |

#### Academic Year 2015 to 2016

| Term                 | Dates  |
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| Autumn term<br>2015: | Thursday 3 September 2015 to Friday 18 December 2015 |
| Half term break:     | Monday 26 October 2015 to Friday 30 October 2015     |
| Christmas break☆:    | Monday 21 December 2015 to Friday 1 January 2016     |
| Spring term 2016:    | Monday 4 January 2016 to Thursday 24 March 2016      |
| Half term break:     | Monday 15 February 2016 to Friday 19 February 2016   |
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Eco-Schools Silver Award















| Term                 | Dates                                       |
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| Easter break☆:       | Friday 25 March 2016 to Friday 8 April 2016 |
| Summer term<br>2016: | Monday 11 April 2016 to Friday 22 July 2016 |
| Half term break:     | Monday 30 May 2016 to Friday 3 June 2016    |

☆Includes bank holidays

INSET DAYS for the Academic Year 2015-2016: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016













