

# FUBS: The next generation...

## We need YOU!

Our amazing PTA, known as FUBS (Friends of Upper Beeding School), has **raised over £55,000 for the school** over the past five years. This money has been used to fund:

- The adventure trail in the playground
- A new audio visual system in the main hall
- New kitchen equipment so all the children can learn to cook
- The WOW days across the whole school, such as Arts Weeks, Maths Weeks and World Book Day
- Christmas crackers for the children's lunch each year
- The sun shade in the playground
- The bike shed
- And loads more

It has also really helped to **minimise the impact of the huge government funding cuts** the school has had to manage of late.

Many of our wonderful volunteers have sadly moved on as their children have now gone on to secondary school. So we need **new parents / grandparents / carers** to help us continue to raise the money that will continue to help Upper Beeding to be such a wonderful educational environment.

This is where you come in... **Could you spare some time to lend a hand?** Don't worry: there's no obligation to make a big commitment or attend any meetings! We know how busy parents are and we won't ask for any more time than you are able to offer.

We are urgently seeking help with the following **key positions**:

**Chair** – As the cornerstone of all FUBS-related activities, you will work with the committee and wider volunteers to oversee all fundraising activities, and liaise with Mrs Linford and the school team. You would need to be happy to commit to this post for at least two years, and will get tons of support from the existing Chair and committee.

**Co-Chair** – This role works in conjunction with the Chair to ensure the smooth running of all FUBS activities. A great Co-Chair will be happy to network across the school to ensure all parents know about FUBS and encourage participation.

**Treasurer** – This role tracks fundraising and expenses and provides accurate reports on the finances of FUBS. No accountancy skills are necessary, but you'll need to get good at counting up the change from FUBS events!

**Secretary** – If you are super organised with an eye for detail and are able to manage correspondence in a timely manner, this is for you. Taking minutes at meetings may also be required.

If you'd love to be involved in a more **behind-the-scenes** way, we also need help with:

**FUBS Reps** – Do you love talking to new people? Could you spare half an hour a month to share the message about what FUBS is up to with parents at drop-off and pick-up?

**Social Media and Communications** – Are you a whizz at creating engaging content for social media? We need to raise awareness among parents, carers and the local community about what we're up to!

**Funding Applications** – Do you love researching and have a talent for form-filling? We need to identify and pursue funding opportunities that will further support our activities.

**Sponsorship/Donations** – Is your secret talent charming people? Could you help us by seeking donations from local businesses?

**Gift Sales** – Do you love making people feel loved? For our Mother's/Father's Day and Christmas sales, we need help with purchasing and wrapping gifts and helping the children choose!

**Event Logistics** – Could you lend a few hours either side of our regular events to help setting up / taking down gazebos, marquees and other equipment?

**Stall Holders** – Could you spare an hour to run one of the fun stalls we have at the Christmas and Summer fetes each year?

**Food Preparation** – Like the idea of running a tea tent / BBQ / tuck shop at an event? You could help to make these yummy stalls possible...

**Bartenders** – Can you mix a cocktail like Tom Cruise? We need help organising, setting up and working on the bar for one of our biggest sources of income at fundraisers.

FUBS raises great sums of money to benefit our children, thanks largely to the generosity of family members who are willing to donate their time and skills. **But we cannot continue to raise funds and host fun community events without your help.**

FUBS is a fun way to get involved in supporting the school community and **we'd love to meet you**. Don't worry if meetings aren't your thing - whether you can spare an hour a month or just a few hours once a year, we have a way you can help 😊

Please contact [FUBSoffice@gmail.com](mailto:FUBSoffice@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook for further information.

With thanks,

The FUBS team  
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