



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Summer Newsletter

Staff News

I am delighted to announce that Mrs McKay is expecting her second child, due in October. I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs McKay and her husband all the best. We are currently recruiting for maternity cover for Iceland class for the new academic year.



September Ready

We are fast approaching the end of this academic year and I thought it would be helpful to remind parents of some key information and also a change for September.



For parents of current Year 4 and 5 pupils, a quick reminder that we are a Smartphone Free school and that Year 5 and 6 pupils are only allowed to bring 'dumb' or 'brick' phones to school. Those children that choose to do so need to show the school office their phone and will receive a certificate giving them permission to bring it to school. Smartphones are not allowed in school.

We have noticed that some children are wearing items of clothing that are not part of our uniform policy. For September, please ensure that children's attire is in line with the following:

- **Bottoms:** Navy pinafore, skirt, trousers, or tailored shorts.
- **Tops:** A gold polo shirt (with or without the school logo) and a navy sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without the school logo).
- **Footwear:** Black, brown, or navy shoes or closed-toe sandals. **Designer shoes or those with visible logos are not permitted.**
- **Socks and Tights:** Navy, black, grey, or white.
- **Summer Option:** A summer dress with yellow or blue stripes or checks
- **PE Kit:** Reception – white T-shirt and navy shorts. Years 1 to 6 – house colour T-shirt (with or without school logo) and navy shorts/skorts. Plimsolls or trainers. Navy hoodie (with or without school logo). Navy joggers.

From September, children will not be allowed to bring fidget or focus toys to school from home.

Understandably, children can become quite upset when they misplace their focus/fidget toy so we wish to prevent this. We have also had children bringing focus toys that are not suitable for school, such as 'jelly' toys which can puncture and leak fluid. Instead, class teachers will provide children with focus toys that the school has purchased, so we know that they are safe and suitable for the classroom. Teachers will provide these for children at their discretion. Any focus toys brought in from home will be kept by staff and handed back to parents at the end of the day.



Sports Competitions



We have taken part in a range of tournaments since the last newsletter and I am delighted to say that we have won a number of them! Congratulations to the Y5 dodgeball, Y3 benchball, the Tag Rugby and the Flag Football teams for their success! Well done to all the children who have taken part in the many competitions, representing their school so enthusiastically, and a huge thank you to parents who have transported them around the locality.

Chanctonbury Music Festival

The Upper Beeding choir took part in this wonderful event this week and sang their hearts out! Our choir, led by Mrs Disney with support from Mrs Gilpin, put on a fantastic show alongside the other schools. All the staff who accompanied the children were very proud of their behaviour and their enthusiastic participation.



Good Attendance



Congratulations to **KENYA CLASS** who were the best attending last half term! As a reward for their excellent attendance, they won a 'golden play' and a day in non-uniform.

Have a lovely half term break, it certainly looks like we will be having fabulous weather.

We look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Tuesday 2nd June.

With regards

Matt Andrews

Head Teacher