



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Our topic for this Autumn term is "Castles and" and we have lots of fun events planned to support this topic including visitors coming into school, a trip out to Arundel Castle, and several special activities.



On **Friday 22nd September** we have the 'Reptile Man' Chris Davies coming in. He will be bringing in a selection of reptiles for children to see up close, and they will get the chance to handle some of them too.

On **Friday 29th September** we welcome author M P Robertson who will be talking to the children about his books, and then running sketching workshops with them to draw dragons. There will also be time for stories and a chance to ask questions. Mr Robertson will also be signing and selling his books at the end of the school day.

On **Thursday 19th October** we shall be visiting Arundel Castle. The castle offers the children a very exciting and educational experience as they will be handling artefacts including clothes, weapons and armour, compare castle life to their present day lifestyles, and explore the castle where they will learn about the Keep, Inner Gatehouse, Barbican, Armoury, and Baron's Hall.



All children will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink with them on the day of the Arundel Castle trip as there will not be an alternative provided for the hot meals (no glass bottles or fizzy drinks please). Children should wear their school uniform tops with jeans or jogging bottoms, and sturdy walking shoes or wellingtons (footwear must be comfortable to wear for the whole day). All children must have a warm, waterproof coat. We will be outside for part of the day, so please ensure that the children have adequate clothing. We intend to leave school after morning registration and will arrive back at the end of the school day.



The visit to Arundel will be a lovely trip, but we only require a **limited number** of parent helpers. Please speak to your class teacher if you are able to help on the trip. Please note that this trip is only for KS1 children at UBPS, and younger/older siblings will be unable to come along with any parent helpers.

We also hope to walk up to Bramber Castle to investigate our own local castle (date to be confirmed), and have plenty of other exciting activities planned throughout the term.

To help towards the cost of these events, we would ask for a voluntary contribution of **£28.00** per child. Visits and visitors really enhance the curriculum for the children and we would love all the children to be able to participate. Sadly, if we don't receive sufficient contributions, we may not be able to go ahead with some or all of the events. If you have any difficulty with making the contribution, please speak to your child's teacher, the school office, or Mr Andrews in confidence.

sQuid will be set up next week allowing for instalments to be made, rather than having to pay the full amount in one go, as we appreciate there are often a lot of demands on your wallet at the start of a term, even more so if you have more than one child in education.

Your payment will include contributions towards:



Trip - entrance to Arundel Castle including workshops, coach hire, and travel insurance
Author MP Robertson – sharing books and holding sketching workshops
Reptile Man – bringing in a selection of reptiles for the children to handle
Drama Workshops

Best regards

Mrs Gilpin, Miss Stuart, Miss Cander and Miss Whyte

