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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are already nearly at the start of the Summer Term; the school year is flying by. This term has been an extremely busy one for the children and staff. We have begun to implement OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) at lunchtimes with children having an increased range of activities to engage with in their playtimes, such as den building, role play, scooting on our track and playing with small world toys. Although this is just the start of our journey with OPAL we are already seeing the benefits, with children having happier and more productive playtimes.



As usual, the children have had a range of fantastic experiences this term, thanks to our amazing staff, including: visiting the O2 for Young Voices; going to Amberley Museum to find out about vehicles of the past; finding out about creatures of the rainforest at Tilgate Nature Centre; and learning about the moon landings at the National Science Museum. On all these trips the children have represented the school brilliantly and we are very proud of how polite and well behaved they are whenever they are out and about.

Still to come this term, we have a number of teams taking part in sports competitions and some of our Y5/6 pupils will be attending their residential trip to PGL Osmington Bay, Weymouth.

Ensuring the safety of our pupils is paramount, so if you have been in school recently you will know that we have deactivated the door release button at the main entrance. If you are visiting us in school and are ready to exit the building, please let the office staff know and they will let you out.

It is with great sadness that I must inform you that Dr Gwilliam, the school's SENCO, will be retiring at the end of the academic year. Dr Gwilliam has been a member of staff at the school for 20 years and in that time has helped and supported countless children and families, giving her time, care and expertise to all who needed it. I know that the staff will all miss Dr Gwilliam greatly, both professionally and personally, as we will miss her terrific knowledge of SEND and her kindness and sense of humour.

Finally, I am very saddened and disappointed that this morning we had an incident in the staff car park where a child was hurt and there was nearly a collision between two vehicles. I must remind you that the car park is only for the use of staff and those parents/visitors displaying valid permits. Please do not enter our car park unless we have given you specific permission to do so. This includes parents using the Hive and when bringing children to and/or collecting them from extra-curricular clubs. I'm sure you will agree with me that our children's safety at all times is of the utmost importance.

Best wishes,
Mr Andrews, Head Teacher

Attendance Update

Congratulations to France Class for winning our Class Attendance award for the Spring 1 half term. France Class will have a 'golden play' and get to wear their own clothes to school on a day to be confirmed this half term as their reward for excellent attendance.

In other attendance news, I am delighted to say the school has received an FFT National Attendance award for being in the top 10% of schools (out of over 4000 schools in the country) for attendance in the Autumn term.



FFT National
Attendance Award
2023/24



Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Next week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week and we will be raising awareness of neurodiversity with the children through special assemblies and a range of activities in our PSHE lessons.



General Information



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, and 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 and see the attached flyer.

Extra Help for Low Income Families – Energy Suppliers We would also like to draw your attention to hardship funds and support available from the main energy suppliers. Please see below a list of schemes of support from them:

E.ON NEXT Energy Fund: <https://www.eonnext.com/policies/struggling-to-pay>

EDF Support Fund: <https://charisgrants.com/partners/edf-energy>

Scottish Power Hardship Fund:

<https://www.scottishpower.co.uk/support-centre/help-paying-your-bill/hardship-fund>

Octopus Energy Octo Assist: <https://octopus.energy/blog/bill-support/>

OVO Customer Support Package: <https://customer-support-package.ovoenergy.com/>

Contacting the office regarding changes to pick up Just a reminder that if you need to advise any changes to pick up, and it is AFTER 12:00noon, please telephone the office rather than email, as we cannot always guarantee an email is seen after midday.



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 – see list below:

Guitar	Mr Graham Hinton	graham.hinton@westsussexmusic.co.uk
Piano and Violin	Miss Natasha White	natasha.c.white@outlook.com
Drums	Mr Blake Mostyn	blake.mostyn@googlemail.com
Recorder/Flute	Mr Dom Smith	domsmithsmusic@gmail.com



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 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. Eventually we hope to stock some pre-loved Steyning Grammar uniform too.

As well, we 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 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 proposed costume store.

We are just about ready to start this project, and 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.



We would also welcome help with laying a concrete base and erecting the sheds. 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.

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.



Governing Body News



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 via email 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!

Message from PJ Chubb, Parent Governor "I first wanted to be a Governor when my son started at the school - I felt that it would be nice to be involved in the place where he was going to spend the next stage of his education. I had no previous experience of being a Governor, but found that many of my work and life skills transferred easily into the role. Training is on-going and every Governor has a buddy to start off with to ask questions and help go through documents. I was assigned to a committee, of which I am now the Chair and have been joint Vice-Chair of the Governors for 1 1/2 years now. I am also the EYFS Governor Lead. The team is very friendly and welcoming and there is always guidance and help available. For each meeting there is some preparation to do (mostly reading which is shared out) and various Governors do regular visits to the school to familiarise themselves with the curriculum, the school itself and to meet the staff and pupils (my favourite part!). It's important to ask questions and in return it's satisfying to know that your questions are having an impact on the strategic running of the school. One of my main concerns when I started was fitting the new role around my schedule with work and family. Your workplace is obliged to give you time to attend meetings and while Full Governing Body meetings are happening, Governors' children have use of the Hive after school club if required.



It is a really positive experience for me and has given me experience which benefits my working life as well. My son is also very proud of me being a Governor of his school and (secretly) likes to see me on visits!"

FUBS News



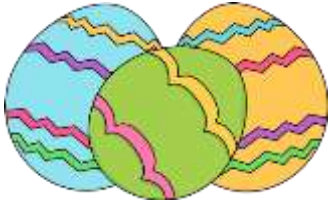
Thank You FUBS thank you all again for your ongoing support, helping them to raise much needed extra funding for the school.





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>



FUBS Easter Egg Trail Go on a family Easter egg trail around the village during the Easter break **29th March to 14th April**. Follow the map and find the eggs decorated by each of the classes here at school. Collect the letters on the eggs and unscramble the anagram. After the Easter break, hand your completed maps into the school office by **Friday 19th April** to receive your chocolatey prize.
£1 for each map entry - one map per prize!

Maps are available to buy from:

- 3:15pm Friday 22nd March from FUBS at the front of school
- from the school office the week before Easter (25th to 28th March)
- from The Hub in Church Lane during the Easter holidays

UBPS School Lottery Don't forget to get your school lottery tickets!

Tickets for the lottery cost £1 per week. There is a guaranteed cash winner for our school every week, and the chance to win a £25,000 jackpot.

The draw takes place every Saturday, and winners are notified via email.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/upper-beeding-primary-school>



Eco and Recycling News



Thank You 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 with new collectibles. Please only send in items that are on the list as we are unable to recycle other things for cash (**see end of this newsletter for list**). Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to **JAPAN Class** who are the recycling champions for the Autumn term – they have won £25 to spend in their classroom. Well done Japan! Who is going to be the winner this term?

Clothing and Textile Recycling The 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 having a Spring Clean in the wardrobes! 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 Spring Term 2024

Mon 18 th Mar	Yr 5 Choral Day at Christ's Hospital
Mon 18 th Mar	KS1 Virtual Lambing
Mon 18 th Mar	2:45 FRANCE Class Assembly
Thu 21 st Mar	1:00 France Class Walk to Bramber Brooks
Fri 22 nd Mar	NO Swimming Japan and France
Mon 25 th Mar	2:45 KENYA Class Assembly
Mon 25 th Mar to Thu 28 th Mar	Year 5/6 Residential Visit
Mon 25 th Mar	TOPIC Vintage Bus Visiting KS1
Thu 28 th Mar	TOPIC 10:00 Road Safety Magic Show Visiting KS1
Thu 28 th Mar	TOPIC Fairytale Theatre in Reception
Thu 28 th Mar	Year 5/6 Adventure Day (non-residential)
Thu 28 th Mar	Last Day of Spring Term
Fri 29 th Mar to Sun 14 th Apr	FUBS Easter Egg Hunt

Dates for Summer Term 2024

Mon 15 th Apr	First Day of Summer Term
Tues 16 th Apr	Leavers and Class Photos
Fri 19 th Apr	1:00 Swimming Japan and France
Thu 25 th Apr	Plumpton College Visit
Thu 25 th Apr to Fri 26 th Apr	Year R Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing Checks
Fri 26 th Apr	1:00 Swimming Japan and France
Thu 2 nd May	Year 5/6 Chef Day 3
Fri 3 rd May	1:00 Swimming Japan and France
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Fri 10 th May	1:00 Swimming Japan and France
Fri 17 th May	1:00 Swimming Japan and France
Mon 20 th May to Fri 24 th May	Walk to School Week
Wed 22 nd May	KS2 Choir at Chanctonbury Festival
Fri 24 th May	1:00 Swimming Japan and France
Mon 27 th May to Fri 31 st May	Half Term Week – School Closed
Mon 3 rd Jun	INSET Day 4 – School Closed
Fri 7 th Jun	1:00 Swimming Japan and France
Mon 10 th Jun	2:45 AUSTRALIA Class Assembly
Tue 11 th Jun	FUBS Fathers' Day Gift Sale
Fri 14 th Jun	TOPIC KS1 Visit to Pulborough Brooks
Fri 14 th Jun	1:00 Swimming Japan and France LAST SESSION
Mon 17 th Jun	2:45 JAPAN Class Assembly
Sat 22 nd Jun	FUBS FEST
Mon 24 th Jun to Fri 28 th Jun	Arts Focus Week
Mon 24 th Jun	2:45 BRAZIL Class Assembly
Fri 5 th Jul	INSET Day 5 – School Closed



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; squeeze 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 and Tea Product Packaging – any brand

YES Any brand of coffee bean pouches; any brand of individual coffee bag sachets; any brand of ground coffee pouches; any brand of large plastic bags for tea.

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.

