

Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back to our Y1 to Y6 children and an especially warm welcome to our new Reception children! I hope they all have a happy, successful and productive time at our school. I'm looking forward to getting to know them.

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer with your children and managed to find some sun; it seemed to be in short supply in August!

Welcome also to The Hive who started their wraparound care with us on Monday. The children who have attended Breakfast Club and After-school Club this week have had a great time and have been particularly pleased to be in the air-conditioned room of the Blue Building during this heat!



As usual we have hit the ground running, introducing our new school values: Kindness, Teamwork, Curiosity and Creativity, to the children. When they get home from school, you may see your child wearing stickers for the Values so please ask them what they did to earn it. I hope you have had the opportunity to see the fantastic display Mrs. Taylor created in the school foyer during the summer holiday. It is a wonderful addition to our school and shows our new values and a representation of the beautiful South Downs in which the school lies.



If you have an interest in sport and feel that you can offer some time to provide our children with a club, before or after school, please let the office know. We offer a wide range of clubs, but we also compete in all the sporting competitions available to us in our locality. Sometimes it is a challenge to provide the children with all the practice they need for these events, so any help would be gratefully received.

To our new parents and carers, I am at the school gate most mornings at drop off time so please come and introduce yourself if you get the chance.

Best wishes,

Mr Andrews
Head Teacher

Attendance Update

The Summer 2 Attendance Award was won by Kenya Class. Congratulations to the children for their excellent attendance! Kenya Class had a great Golden Play and enjoyed having the playground and field to themselves!



General Information



Birthday Celebrations We always celebrate birthdays in school in both the classroom and in assembly. I know that some parents like to give their child something to share with their class, which is lovely, but please do not send in sweets – healthy alternatives are much more acceptable. Thank you for your support with this.

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, 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.

Census Day – Autumn Term is on **5th October** and is an important day where we would like to encourage as many children as possible to have a hot school meal; the numbers of meals taken on Census Day will identify the level of funding we receive from the Government. We would be very grateful if as many parents as possible could support us by ordering hot school meals on this day by the deadline of 21st September, if you are happy to do so. Thank you.



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 Topic/Christmas 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.

We also hope to build up a supply of costumes that can be hired very, very cheaply for topics, Wow Days, World Book Days, Nativities etc. These will also be in a shed at the front of the building to be easily accessible when needed.

If you have any outgrown costumes at home, we would be very happy to accept them for the costume store.



We would also welcome sponsorship towards the costs of the required storage – if you have a company, or work for a company, that may be interested in supporting this valuable resource, please contact Lou in the school office. Thank you.



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.

sQuid Payment System Our school operates as a no cash environment, and we use a payment system called sQuid. Children new to the school will receive details in due course for parents to set up a sQuid account. Each child has an individual one, newbies can't be added to a sibling's account. sQuid is currently used for everything standard such as trips, swimming, production/disco tickets etc.



Further to suggestions raised by you in the recent parent survey, we also hope to use sQuid in future for one-off payments such as £1 donations for charity days, and maybe even for pre-loved uniform. Watch this space! We also hope to set up details of costs coming up, and instalment schemes to help you budget with school expenses, as we appreciate sometimes everything seems to come at once.....





Parking To ensure the continued safety of our children and families, the school car-park will still be out of use to all parents at both drop off and pick up times unless there are significant exceptional circumstances agreed with the school in advance. When parking on the roads surrounding the school, please give consideration to families who may be crossing, and to our neighbours who may need to use their driveway.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are very pleased to have our usual external providers back in school this term and running clubs for the children after school. Details have already been emailed out as they became available last term, but you can still contact the providers direct for further information.

Tuesday	Outdoors Project	rob.cruise@theoutdoorsproject.co.uk
Wednesday	Gymnastics	amandawadman@gmail.com
Thursday	Chelsea Football	Community.Enquiries@chelseafc.com Ref: UBPSAUT23
Friday	Sama Karate	info@samasoutheast.co.uk



These are all external providers that charge parents for the club provision, and it is parent choice if their child attends. We will enable the children to change if required in school for their club and then they will take all their belongings to the care of the club leader/coach. At the end of the session, the club leader will bring the children to the gate by Kenya class for collection.

The list of available clubs for this term run by school staff is being sent out later today. Please use the Google form (link on list) if you wish to register a place with the specific staff run before and after school clubs which have limited capacity. Some of these will also be running waiting lists. For all other staff run clubs at lunchtime, your child can just turn up unless it's by invite only. See the clubs overview sheet for full details. Parents who apply for school run clubs via the Google link should receive confirmation of their child's place allocation. Parents should also receive confirmation if the club is full and their child is added to the waiting list. **Please do not turn up to an after school or before school club if you have not had confirmation of a place.**



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 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!

Music Tuition at School If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument, we offer the following lessons at school. Please contact the external instructors directly for further information, prices, and availability of lesson places.



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 Don Smith	domsmithsmusic@gmail.com



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.



FUBS News

Thank You FUBS thank you all again for your support last year, helping them to raise much needed extra funding for the school. They will be writing to you soon with details of what you raised last year and what you helped to purchase with those funds.

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. You are invited to attend the next FUBS meeting on **Thursday 28th September, 7:30pm at the Rising Sun**. The meetings are very friendly, and FUBS would love to meet you.

Further information about planned FUBS events for this term and beyond will be available soon, but the dates are in the list below – please add them to your diary!



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>

Eco and Recycling News

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

Congratulations to **GREECE Class** who are the recycling champions for the Summer term – they have won £25 to spend in their classroom. Well done Greece, that is the fourth win for your class – who is going to challenge them this term?



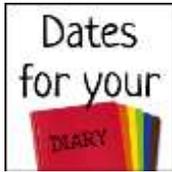
Clothing and Textile Recycling

The new 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 sorting out your outgrown summer clothing! 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 Autumn Term 2023

Thu 7th Sep
 Mon 11th Sep
 Mon 11th Sep
 Wed 13th Sep
 Fri 15th Sep
 Fri 22nd Sep
 Fri 22nd Sep
 Mon 25th Sep
 Thu 28th Sep
 Fri 29th Sep
 Fri 29th Sep
 Mon 2nd Oct to Fri 6th Oct
 Fri 6th Oct
 Tue 11th Oct
 Tue 11th Oct
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 Thu 16th Nov
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 Mon 20th Nov
 Wed 22nd Nov
 Fri 24th Nov
 Fri 24th Nov
 Mon 27th Nov
 Tue 28th Nov
 Wed 29th Nov
 Fri 1st Dec

Autumn Born Reception Children Start
 Spring Born Reception Children
 Juliet Hindson visiting Kenya Class
 Summer Born Reception Children Start
 1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil – FIRST session
 Wear Blue Charity Day for Connor Saunders Foundation
 1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil
 Year 5/6 WW2 Wow Day
 7:30 FUBS Meeting at Rising Sun
 Author MP Robertson visiting KS1
 1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil
 Yr 6 Bikeability
 1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil
 9:15 Yr 3/4 Harvest to Parents
 2:00 Yr 3/4 Harvest to Elderly Community
 KS1 Drama for All Workshops
 1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil
 9:00 Reception Six Weeks in Meeting
 8:30 FUBS Pumpkin Carving Competition Entries
 KS1 Visit to Arundel Castle
 5:30 FUBS Pumpkin Light Up Trail
 Yr 3/4 Roman WOW Day and Rainbow Theatre
 1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil
 Half Term Week – School Closed
 INSET Day 2 – School Closed
 3:30 to 6:30 Parent Teacher Meetings
 3:30 to 5:30 Parent Teacher Meetings
 1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil
 Maths Focus Week
 1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil
 Yr 5/6 visit to Newhaven Fort
 Yr 3/4 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace
 Children in Need
 1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil
 2:45 Morocco Class Assembly
 Yrs R to 6 Flu Vaccinations
 Yr 3/4 Roman Soldier/Camp Workshop
 1:00 Swimming USA & Brazil – LAST session
 2:45 Mexico Class Assembly
 FUBS Christmas Gift Sale
 School Photographs
 Donation Day – FUBS Christmas Market



Fri 1st Dec
 Mon 4th Dec
 Tue 5th Dec
 Wed 6th Dec
 Thu 7th Dec
 Fri 8th Dec
 Fri 8th Dec
 Mon 11th Dec
 Tue 12th Dec
 Tue 12th Dec
 Wed 13th Dec
 Thu 14th Dec
 Fri 15th Dec

1:00 Swimming Morocco & Mexico – FIRST session
 TBC 2:45 Greece Class Assembly
 2:00 KS1 Christmas Production to Parents
 2:00 KS1 Christmas Production to Parents
 TBC Reindeer Fun Run
 9:30 Reception Christmas Nativity to Parents
 5:30 to 8:00 FUBS Christmas Market
 2:15 KS2 Christmas Show to Parents
 10:00 KS2 Christmas Show to Parents
 2:00 KS2 Christmas Show to Elderly Community
 Whole School Christmas Panto, Worthing
 4:30 to 6:00 KS2 Christmas Disco
 Last Day of Autumn Term

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 Product Packaging – any brand

YES Any brand of coffee bean pouches; any brand of individual coffee bag sachets; any brand of ground coffee pouches.

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.

Confectionery Product Packaging – any brand

YES All brands of plastic chocolate and sweets pouches and bags; all brands of chocolate and sweets multipack outer plastic packaging; all brands of plastic chocolate block wrappers; all brands of plastic individual chocolate bare wrappers.

NO Breakfast, granola or energy bar wrappers; aluminium foil, cardboard and paper wrappers; cardboard tubes; metal tins; rigid plastic trays and tubs; chocolate box packaging; Quality Street wrappers.

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.

