



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



We are so excited to welcome all the children back to school after the summer holidays and to meet our new Reception pupils. After just one full week of school the children have settled in brilliantly and have enjoyed seeing their friends, taking part in their favourite lessons and meeting their new teachers. I'd like to say thank you for getting your children back to school last Thursday - I know the start of a new school year means a big shift in routines after the summer holidays, but by being in school on day one your child made a great start to the new academic year.

This term, the children have lots of fun experiences lined up to help them develop their learning, build teamwork and relationships and grow their confidence. For example, Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in Bikeability; Years 1 and 2 will be learning about the Great Fire of London with a visit from Rainbow Theatre and a selection of Years 5 & 6 pupils will be taking part in an Art workshop.

As you know, Upper Beeding is a smartphone free school and I would like to thank the parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils for their support with this. We have pupils bringing non-smartphones to school and we will be awarding them their mobile phone certificates in assembly next week. Please complete and return the application form sent earlier this week if you wish your child to bring in a non-smartphone.

Thank you also for your support with our new rule on focus tools (sometimes called fidget toys). Children are no longer allowed to bring focus tools from home to school as we had concerns about their safety and suitability. Instead, children can choose from a selection of tools provided by their class teacher if they need one.

I am very pleased to say that our new giant sand pit has been installed on the school field and is nearly ready for its grand opening! The sand pit is the next step in our plan to develop and improve children's playtimes at Upper Beeding Primary and we have more to come.

December seems very far away at the moment and it's hard to imagine it being dark at 3:30pm again but I would like to give you an early heads up on a new event that will be taking place in the last week of the autumn term; our KS2 children will be performing Christmas carols on the playground for you to enjoy and help you get into the festive spirit. Woolly hats, scarves and Christmas jumpers will be essential attire for this event! More details to come nearer the time. Please check out the What's On to see what else has been planned for this term so far.

Wishing you and your children a happy Autumn term.

Mr Andrews

Head Teacher

