

# Upper Beeding Primary School

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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final week of the Autumn term is here and I think the children (and staff) are thoroughly shattered! They have all worked incredibly hard this term and I am proud of all their achievements. I hope you have enjoyed the Christmas performances and have been as impressed as I am by the children's acting, speaking and singing. From the Reception Nativity to the KS2 Singing performance, they have really put on a great show.

In recognition of the cost of living crisis and the financial complications all of us are facing, we have decided to limit the amount of money teachers spend on the children's Christmas presents this year. Although the children will receive just a small gift from their teacher, they continue to be given with a great deal of affection. Thank you for your understanding.

We say farewell to Mrs Kelly at the end of this week as she moves on to pastures new. Mrs Kelly has been at Upper Beeding since January as an official staff member and has been a brilliant part of our team. We wish Mrs Kelly every success in her new role and will miss her!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Abby Brockett to the school where she will be working with the EYFS team.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**.

Mr Andrews



## Attendance Update



Did you know that a child who misses just 5% of days at school (9 days a year) is twice as likely to **not meet** the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths as a child who misses 3.5% of school days (6 days a year)? Because attendance is so important to a child's chances of success, we are celebrating those classes who have the best attendance over a half term in our end of term assembly. The class with the best attendance will receive a certificate and a reward. At the moment it is neck and neck between 3 classes – I look forward to revealing the winner on Friday!

## Events Coming Up

**Reindeer Fun Run - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** We are all very excited about the Reindeer Fun Run which we take part in each year to raise funds for Chestnut Tree House, our local children's hospice. All children will be given a set of antlers and a red nose. Children have already brought home a letter giving full details, and a sponsor envelope. Even if this could be returned containing just £1 to cover the cost of the antlers, that would be much appreciated. Just hand into the classroom or the office by the end of term if possible. Children will need a pair of trainers.





**KS2 Disco – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 4:30 to 6:00pm** If you haven't bought a ticket, hop onto sQuid and get that sorted before the event. The disco is open to all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, and promises to be a lot of fun as usual. Big thanks go to DJ Tom for bringing the tunes! There will be a tuck shop for drinks and snacks to keep the energy levels up, so don't forget some tuck money. **If you wish your child to walk home alone OR they will be collected by someone other than a parent, please let the office know beforehand, preferably by email** – children will not be released by staff at the end of the disco without this permission being received.

**Chartwells Christmas Lunch – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** Whether they are having the pre-booked Christmas meal, or eating their own packed lunch, all children will eat in the main hall. We suggest everyone brings in a Christmas hat to wear, or they can wear their reindeer antlers. There will be music playing to create a really jolly atmosphere, and FUBS are supplying all children with a Christmas cracker as usual – thanks FUBS!



**Christmas Post Box** Last date for posting is **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – please make sure the child's name and class (or teacher) are on the envelope so our School Council posties know who to deliver to.

## FUBS News

**Christmas Market** Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Market on 2<sup>nd</sup> December – it was a lovely community event, and as usual the star of the show was the amazing grotto where the main man himself took time out of his hectic schedule to visit us. Congratulations to Georgina Cooper who correctly guessed the weight of the beautiful Christmas Cake made by Mrs Brackenridge. Well done FUBS, another amazing event!



**FUBS Online Christmas Raffle** This closes at **8:00am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** so if you haven't bought tickets yet, here's your last chance to do so – just click on the link to take you straight there. Great prizes! <https://raffall.com/320546/enter-raffle-to-win-fubs-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-friends-of-upper-beeding-school>

**FUBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale** The sale will take place as often as weather permits as we need it to be dry and not windy, 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's bargains to be had! We are always happy to take in donations of good condition, outgrown items too!



**Amazon Smile** FUBS are registered with Amazon Smile which means that Amazon will make a 0.5% donation to FUBS each time you buy something. All you have to do is shop via [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) rather than just [amazon.co.uk](https://amazon.co.uk), and select Friends of Upper Beeding School as your chosen charity. There are no extra costs or charges for this and Smile uses your usual Amazon account details. Please sign up to help us to make the most of this free money! **Make sure you do your Christmas shopping on Amazon Smile!!!**

**Easyfundraising** Friends of Upper Beeding School are also 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 News



The Eco Council are enjoying their new roles as Green Ambassadors for our school and, guided by Eco Leader Mrs Stringer, are busy making sure we do all we can to save energy.

The Classroom Recycling Challenge is picking up momentum, with the classes all wanting to win the cash prize for the most collected at the end of term, and take over the lead from Greece Class who triumphed in the Summer.



We are now collecting quite a few things that we can get cash for, so please think before you throw away! Over the Christmas period there will be even more plastic heading to landfill than usual, so please support us to reduce that amount.

### 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** 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 brands

### 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; all brands of reusable plastic water bottles and lids.

**NO** Glass containers and lids; Glass bottles and caps; flexible plastic containers and bottles.



Please share the above with your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues – posters can be supplied if they would help, just ask at the office!



New for this year is a recycling station for **Christmas Cards** – don't throw them in your blue bin, bring them in to us!

We are also happy to recycle any **unwanted Christmas gifts** as they can be used by FUBS for future tombolas, raffles and fundraising, and also rolls of wrapping paper.





## Sporting News

Our children have been busy taking part in various sporting activities with local primary schools, and we are very proud of their achievement, and wanted to share them with you. Special thanks go to parents who transport the children to these events, and for their support from the sidelines during the matches.

**Girls Football Tournament** On 24<sup>th</sup> November our girls attended the astro pitch at Steyning Grammar School, but the tournament was halted after a short while due to the atrocious weather. Thank you (and sorry) to everyone who got drenched taking their daughters along to this event.

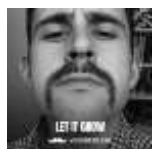


## Thank You



**Travelling Book Fair** Thank you for supporting our annual book fair – we raised **£217.76** to buy new books for our library and classrooms.

**Children in Need** Thank you also for supporting Children in Need. The children had great fun selling/buying cakes and books, wearing their spots and yellow, and we raised a whopping **£376.22** to give to the charity.



**Movember** Mr Moule would like to thank everyone who supported him throughout November as he grew a rather dubious looking moustache in aid of Movember. The children and other staff looked great on the final day of the month when they all sported fake moustaches! £122 was raised for the charity – thank you.

**Poppy Competition** Thank you to all the children who took part in the competition led by Mrs Bonney. We had some gorgeous entries, and now have some of them displayed in the school. Congratulations to the winners: Darcey in Reception; Noah in Year 1; Flo in Year 2; Novah in Year 3; Elsie in Year 4; Talaya in Year 5; and Frankie in Year 6; plus lots of runners up!



## General Information



**Extra-Curricular Clubs** The list of available clubs for next term will hopefully be ready by the end of the week and will be emailed out to you. Please keep an eye on your inbox for further details about some of the clubs as you may have to contact the provider direct to register for a place, or there may be a form to complete for staff run clubs.

Children in Years 1 to 6 who wish to join **Workout Wednesday** should email Miss Stuart on [hayley.stuart@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk](mailto:hayley.stuart@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk) to reserve a place – this is for health and safety reasons as we can only accommodate a certain number of children in this club.

**Lost Property** We have a large pile of lost property again from this half term. It is displayed in the main entrance next to the office all this week – please come along and have a look if your child has lost something. Please name all items so they can be returned as soon as found – thank you.



**Warm Hub** Just a reminder that the Warm Hub started in November at the Hub in Church Lane. It will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 noon until 5:00pm. Full details can be found using this link: <https://www.thehubbeeding.org/warmhub/>

**Do you have a Child due to Start School in September 2023?** Online applications have been available since 3rd October at [westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](https://westsussex.gov.uk/admissions). The deadline to apply for a place is **Sunday 15th January 2023**. If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact Mrs Gilliam in the School Office.





**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 instructors directly for further information, prices, and availability of lesson times.

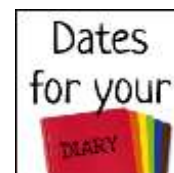
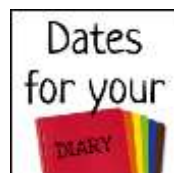
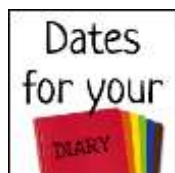
Guitar	Mr Graham Hinton	<a href="mailto:graham.hinton@westsussexmusic.co.uk">graham.hinton@westsussexmusic.co.uk</a>
Piano and Violin	Miss Natasha White	<a href="mailto:natasha.c.white@outlook.com">natasha.c.white@outlook.com</a>
Drums	Mr Blake Mostyn	<a href="mailto:blake.mostyn@googlemail.com">blake.mostyn@googlemail.com</a>
Recorder / Flute / Clarinet	Mr Nick Chalk	<a href="mailto:nick.chalk@westsussexmusic.co.uk">nick.chalk@westsussexmusic.co.uk</a>

**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.



Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns you would like to share.

Best wishes  
Matt Andrews  
Head Teacher



## Dates for Autumn Term 2022

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

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Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

Reindeer Fun Run

4:30pm KS2 Christmas Disco

9:30am Year 3/4 visit to St Peters Church

9:30am Year 5/6 visit to St Peters Church

Chartwells Christmas Lunch

1:00pm Reception Christmas Party

1:00pm KS1 Christmas Party

1:00pm Christmas Films Afternoon

Last Day of Autumn Term

First Day of Christmas Break – School Closed

## Dates for Spring Term 2023

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan

INSET Day 3 – School Closed

First Day of Spring Term

## Academic Year 2022 to 2023

Autumn Term  
2022

**Starts:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Half Term:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Ends:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December



Christmas Break	<b>Bank Holidays:</b> None
	<b>INSET Days:</b> Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September, Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
Spring Term 2023	<b>Starts:</b> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
	<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
	<b>Ends:</b> Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
	<b>INSET Day:</b> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Easter Break	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Term 2023	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
	<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
	<b>Ends:</b> Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
	<b>Bank Holidays:</b> Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May, Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
	<b>INSET Days:</b> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June, Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July

## Academic Year 2023 to 2024

Autumn Term 2023	<b>Starts:</b> Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
	<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
	<b>Ends:</b> Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
	<b>Bank Holidays:</b> None
	<b>INSET Days:</b> TBC
Christmas Break	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January
Spring Term 2024	<b>Starts:</b> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
	<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
	<b>Ends:</b> Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
	<b>INSET Day:</b> TBC
Easter Break	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Term 2024	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
	<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
	<b>Ends:</b> Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
	<b>Bank Holidays:</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
	<b>INSET Days:</b> TBC

