



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

September seems to have whizzed by and the children are really getting stuck into their learning. I have been trying to meet all the children and learn all their names (I'm still working on it!) and it has been a pleasure being in the classrooms to see their hard work and engagement in learning. As you can see from this jam packed newsletter we have lots of great things coming up over the next few weeks including the Y3/4 Harvest Festival and a very exciting event organized by our hard working FUBs team.

In November, we will be holding our autumn term Parents Evenings and I look forward to seeing you all there. We will soon be sending out details on how you can sign up for an appointment.



School 150 Year Anniversary

2022 is the 150th anniversary of Upper Beeding Primary School! We are fortunate to have the Head Teacher logs from the very first year of the school in 1872 all the way up to the 1990s and it is fascinating to flick through the older entries and see what the school was doing then.

The entry for this week 150 years ago reads:

Commenced school after the Harvest Holidays. Not many children present all the week; many being employed in gleaning the harvest.

Gleaning was where the children would pick the left over crops from the farmers' fields after the harvest. I wonder how many of our children today would like to be doing that!

New Office Email We have a new email address for the school office office@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk

Sporting Selfies Miss Stuart is asking all children (from Reception to Year 6) to send in their 'Sporting Selfies' for our whole school sports board. This is a great way for children to share and celebrate their sporting achievements outside of school and to promote healthy living through different sporting activities. They can be sent in as hard copies or emailed to Miss Stuart at hayley.stuart@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk We look forward to seeing your pictures.



Bikeability Training This has been taking place all this week, and you may have seen our children out on the roads in the local area with their instructors. Congratulations to the Year 6 children who participated and gained their Level One and Level Two Bikeability awards. Any child who wishes to ride their bike to school should collect a permit form from Mrs Gilliam in the school office.



School Photographs The school photographer will be in school on **Thursday 6th October** to take the children's individual photos. Please ensure children are in full school uniform, including a sweatshirt/cardigan. We are pleased to be able to offer sibling photos again this year (of children attending school only) but these will need to be booked at www.smileyellow.com/sibling before midnight on **3rd October**. The school password is **upper061022**.

Do you have a Child due to Start School in September 2023? Applications can be made online from **3rd October** at 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.



Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations – Tuesday 11th October The information for these was emailed out to all families on 22nd September. Please note consent must be registered with the Immunisation Service by 11:00am on Wednesday 5th October (four working days before).



Harvest Celebration – Wednesday 12th October Our **Year 3/4** classes are leading an assembly for Harvest. This year, parents of children who are in Mexico, Japan and France classes are warmly invited to join us for our Harvest Festival assembly at **9:15am on Wednesday 12th October**. Unfortunately we will have to limit this to two people per family so we can fit everyone in the hall. If you are able to wait until after all the children have come into school we can let parents down to the hall from 9:00am.

We will be sharing our Harvest assembly with the children in school on Monday 10th October.

This year, we would like to support our local food bank for the homeless based at Shoreham and would ask children to bring in donations of **tins or packets of food**. These items can be brought into school now. Thank you for your support with this. The Shoreham Foodbank covers our local area and is very well used.

Flowers, fruit and vegetables to help decorate the hall would also be appreciated. It would be helpful if these things are brought to school on Tuesday 11th October so that they can be attractively displayed for the special assemblies on the Wednesday.

At **1:30pm on Wednesday 12th October** we will be sharing our Harvest assembly with grandparents and some of our local senior members of the community. If you know of any senior citizens who you think might like to join us on that afternoon, please do invite them on our behalf and kindly let the office know so we have an idea of numbers attending and can organize refreshments.



Support for Parents Vicki Butchers is the Children and Family Worker at the Hub in Upper Beeding, and following on from the successful sessions held last term, Vicki is again offering appointments for parents to meet with her during the afternoons of October 5th, November 2nd and December 7th. These 30 minute sessions are to give support and advice to parents with managing their children's behavior at home. Please contact the school office if you would like an appointment or further information.



Horsham District Council

Multi Agency Community Drop Ins We have received information from Horsham District Council about some Multi-Agency Community Drop-In's happening over the next few months near to you.

Their Community Services team, with support from WSCC, are organising community drop in's across the district over the next 6 months at different locations as part of their response to the increase in requests for information & advice from residents related to cost of living concerns. Full details were emailed out to you on 27th September. Please contact them directly if you would like further information.

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	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 / Clarinet	Mr Nick Chalk	nick.chalk@westsussexmusic.co.uk



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. May we also remind you that there must be no parking in the coned area, on the zigzag markings, and in the school gateway so that our children can get in and out of school safely.

How do I get a message to or speak to my child's class teacher? Please email or call the school office. Alternatively email the class teachers directly, their emails are all on the school website in the Staff List section. There will also be an opportunity at the end of the day for a quick chat or to pass on a message outside of the classroom.

Messages regarding changes to pick up arrangements that day should be emailed or phoned to the school office **before 12 noon**. After 12 contact should be by telephone only as it cannot be guaranteed that emails will be read and messages distributed before the end of the afternoon session.





Outdoor Clothing Please can we ask that all children have a suitable outdoor coat with them in school every day as the weather is so changeable at this time of year. Please ensure coats are named.

School Uniform and PE Kits It is lovely to see how smart the children look in their new school uniforms. Please could you ensure that all school uniform is **clearly named** so we can return any lost items as we do get a lot of lost property. Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school **each day!** It can be left on their peg in their cloakroom in a named bag. As we are outside for some PE and games, all children will need trainers or plimsolls at school. Please make sure children have micro-pore tape with them to cover earrings, or that they do not wear earrings to school on PE days.

School 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.



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-Curricular Clubs We are very pleased to have our 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, and the overview list of clubs has full details, but you can 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
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 outside 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.

We also have several clubs run by school staff after school, before school, and during the lunch period. The list has been updated with some new ones, and was emailed out earlier this week.

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.



Dates for your Diary We have added to the events and activities for this term – please see the list at the end of this newsletter and dates are also on the calendar on the school website.

FUBS News!



FUBS Bag2School Collection – 9:15am on Thursday 6th October The next collection is next week so why not take the opportunity to clear out those cupboards and drawers ready for the colder weather! Please bring your donations (see list below) into school by **9:15am on Thursday 6th October** – we are not being supplied with bags again this year so please use/reuse bin liners or strong carrier bags that can be tied up – no open bags please! Unfortunately, we are unable to take in any bags too far in advance of the collection day due to lack of storage space, but will accept them after school on Wednesday 5th October.

Acceptable items are: Mens', ladies' and children's clothing; paired shoes (tied or held together with an elastic band); handbags; hats; bags; scarves; ties; jewellery; lingerie; socks; belts; household linen; household curtains; household towels; household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers). All **good quality** please.

They **cannot accept**: soft toys; duvets; blankets; pillows; cushions; carpets; rugs; mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats); soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing; school uniforms with and without logo; corporate clothing/work wear; textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.



Kids and Grown-ups Pumpkin Competition – Thursday 20th October

You need to:

- Get a pumpkin
- Get creative - carve it or decorate it
- Put your name, class and year on the bottom of the pumpkin (or just name if a grown-up!)
- Bring it into school with you at drop off on Thursday 20th October by 9:00am with your £1 entry money
- Prizes given for each year group and best grown-up entry
- **Your pumpkin will be displayed on the Pumpkin Light Up Trail 6:00-7:30pm on 20th October**
- Come and find out if you are a winner and walk the trail (further details will follow)



FUBS Freaky Friday We have something for the adults on **Friday 28th October** – over 18s only – 8:00pm to late at the Rising Sun, Upper Beeding. Halloween fancy dress is optional, but encouraged, there will be a raffle and a donation bucket on the door (and on the bar which you are invited to put your change in!). Landlords Gareth and JoJo have very kindly paid for a DJ, so there will be top tunes to dance to. It's going to be a fun evening!

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 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 WANT YOU

FUBS Meeting Thank you to everyone who came to our last meeting, it was lovely to see you. Our super fundraising team is meeting again on **Thursday 13th October** at 7:45pm for an 8:00pm start in the Rising Sun. Please come along and find out what we do, and maybe get involved in some of the fabulous fundraising events we have planned for this year. The money FUBS raises for school is invaluable and we are so lucky to have such a dedicated team supporting UBPS. We are always happy to hear your fundraising ideas. If you can't come to the meeting, contact us on FUBScontact@gmail.com



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 rather than just 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 new Eco Council have met for the first time, and guided by Eco Leader Mrs Stringer, are very excited to get started on their 'green' mission. Their first assignment is to make sure every light switch at school has a sign reminding people to switch off lights when not needed. They will also be reminding teachers to turn off classroom lights when the children are elsewhere such as in PE, in the computer suite, or at lunch.

The Eco Council discussed the various 'rubbish' items that can be recycled for cash for the school, and have agreed to start with bread product packaging and cheese wrappers. Full details of what can be collected will be sent in a separate email. More items will be added to the collectables list in due course as we are able to recycle a lot of things. Every Friday the Eco Council will count the number of donations received in the classes, and the totals will be added to the Classroom Recycling Challenge. Last term the winners were Greece Class, and they received £25.00 to spend in their classroom. Well done Greece – who will be the Autumn term winners?

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

Thu 6 th Oct	School Photographs
Thu 6 th Oct	9:15am FUBS Bag2School Collection
Fri 7 th Oct	1:00pm Swimming USA and India
Mon 10 th Oct	Fire Service Visit to KS1
Tue 11 th Oct	Years R to 6 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations
Wed 12 th Oct	9:15 Yr 3/4 Harvest Celebration for Yr3/4 Parents
Wed 12 th Oct	1:30pm Yr 3/4 Harvest Celebration for Elderly Community
Thu 13 th Oct	Year 3/4 WOW Day Sticks Stones and Bones
Fri 14 th Oct	1:00pm Swimming USA and India
Mon 17 th Oct	Rainbow Theatre Visit to KS1
Mon 17 th Oct	1:00 Football Tournament at Henfield
Tue 18 th Oct	9:00 Reception Parents Six Weeks In Meeting
Wed 19 th Oct	9:00 Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Thu 20 th Oct	9:00am FUBS Pumpkin Competition for Children & Adults
Thu 20 th Oct	Year 3/4 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Thu 20 th Oct	6:00pm FUBS Pumpkin Light Up Trail
Fri 21 st Oct	1:00pm Swimming USA and India
Mon 24 th Oct to Fri 28 th Oct	Half Term – School Closed
Fri 28 th Oct	8:00pm FUBS Freaky Friday over 18s Party at Rising Sun
Tue 1 st Nov	3:30 – 6:30pm Parent Teacher Meetings
Wed 2 nd Nov	3:30 – 5:30pm Parent Teacher Meetings
Fri 4 th Nov	1:00pm Last Session - Swimming USA and India
Thu 10 th Nov to Mon 14 th Nov	3:15pm Travelling Book Fair
Fri 11 th Nov	2:45pm USA Class Assembly
Fri 18 th Nov	Children in Need
Fri 18 th Nov	1:00pm First Session - Swimming Iceland and Norway
Fri 18 th Nov	2:45pm France Class Assembly
Fri 25 th Nov	1:00pm Swimming Iceland and Norway
Fri 25 th Nov	2:45pm Kenya Class Assembly
Fri 2 nd Dec	1:00pm Swimming Iceland and Norway
Fri 2 nd Dec	5:30 – 8:00pm FUBS Christmas Market
Fri 9 th Dec	1:00pm Swimming Iceland and Norway
Fri 16 th Dec	1:00pm Swimming Iceland and Norway
Fri 16 th Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 19 th Dec	First Day of Christmas Break – School Closed

Academic Year 2022 to 2023

Term	Dates
Autumn Term 2022	Starts: Thursday 1 st September Half Term: Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October Ends: Friday 16 th December



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

