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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you so much for all your help over the last couple of weeks supporting school events and raising money for the school and Children in Need. Through your generosity, we have raised over £400 for the school to buy new books and over £500 for Children in Need. We had a fabulous Maths Week and it was lovely to see parents back in school at workshops, watching your class assembly and being with your children.



Colder Weather A gentle reminder to ensure your children come in with a suitable named warm coat and clothing so they can play outside during break and lunchtime. Gloves, scarves and hats are also beginning to be worn – please can you make sure these are also named. Thank you.

Lost Property We have a large amount of un-named items in our lost property cupboard, so if anybody has lost anything, please pop in to the office and ask!



Covid-19 Unfortunately, we have a number of Covid cases in two classes in Y1/2. We have spoken with UKPHA and they are very confident in all that we are doing as a school with our cleaning, ventilation and organisation. They recommend that all children in the two classes affected have PCR tests and, if negative, to do daily lateral flow tests before coming into school; children are generally asymptomatic or just experiencing a very slight sore throat/sniffles/and/or headache.

General Government Advice re Self-isolation Anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 should book a PCR test (not lateral flow) and isolate whilst waiting for the results. If a member of your household contracts Covid-19, the current advice is for all other household members to also have a PCR test; provided the other household members are not displaying symptoms, are under 18 or double vaccinated, they do not need to isolate whilst waiting for test results. If you have any queries at all, please do contact the School Office.

Christmas Countdown Christmas Day is in 33 days! We are celebrating the lead up to Christmas at school in a variety of ways and are hoping that we can still do everything we have planned. This could, however, be subject to us possibly re-introducing some further health and safety measures to keep everyone as safe as we can in school, for example, social distanced seating and wearing of face masks indoors (for visitors).

Our usual Christmas Countdown with all the different events and dates will be out this week. Below and under 'FUBS News' are some of the key dates to be aware of.



Christmas Lunch We are delighted to let you know that we will be having our Christmas lunch on Thursday 16th December. You have been emailed the menu.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who normally have a hot meal will automatically have a festive meal on this day. If your child does not normally have hot school meals but would like a festive lunch, please contact the school office by **Thursday 2nd December** to place your order.

The festive lunch is also open to all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at a cost of £2.33 (except those children in receipt of Free School Meals, for whom there will be no charge). If you would like to order a meal for your child, please do so at www.mealselector.co.uk by **Sunday 5th December**.

Christmas Nativities and Shows Letters will be coming out shortly regarding the various Christmas productions and how to apply for tickets. We will be limiting tickets per family and have everything crossed that these productions can go ahead as planned. This year there will be a separate Y3/4 and Y5/6 Christmas performance so we can ensure all families get an opportunity to attend.



Class Assemblies 2:45pm Kenya class new assembly date is Thursday 2nd December. Italy class is Friday 10th December. We would ask that a maximum of just 2 family members attend so we can still have some children in the hall to watch as well. The hall will be ventilated, seats socially distanced and we are advising the wearing of masks.



Late night Xmas Shopping is back! Wednesday 1st December Our children have been invited to sing some Christmas songs with Steyning Primary School. We will meet outside Whites in the High Street in Steyning at 5:50pm for a 6:00pm start. There will be no procession through the High Street this year, but we are really looking forward to the singing and shopping!

TA vacancy: we currently have an advert out for a Teaching Assistant and Midday Meal Supervisor in Y5/6. Please ask in the Office for an application pack or look at: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs/>

It's Good to Grow from Morrisons We are now collecting for this scheme so we can hopefully get some free gardening equipment for our school. If you shop at Morrisons, please download the MyMorrisons app, sign in or register to MyMorrisons and select us as the school you wish to collect for. You can then scan the app at the checkout or use online when shopping – thank you!

Missed Flu Vaccinations Parents who had given consent to have the vaccine, but for whatever reason the children were unable to have it on Friday, will be contacted by the Immunisation Service direct. Any parent who wishes their child to receive the vaccine, but didn't complete the consent for in-school administration this time, can contact the Immunisation Service for the options available to them on 01273 696011 ext. 3789.

FUBS News!

FUBS Christmas Market Friday 3rd December 5:00 – 8:00pm. Put the date in your diary and plan to wear something warm as we are hoping to have a mix of outside and inside stalls – bar, FUBS stalls, UBPS Choir, Santa's Grotto, external stalls, fun and games. We will be holding a 'Wear Red or Something Festive Day' (for example a Christmas jumper) on Christmas Market day in exchange for the following donations please:

- Reception – Cakes and Mince Pies
- Years 1 and 2 – Soft Toys and small lucky dip toys
- Years 3 and 4 – Bottles
- Years 5 and 6 – Chocolate



FUBS Christmas Gift Sale Final date for handing in your gift request form and payment to the school office is **Thursday 25th November** – don't be late if you haven't handed your form in yet! FUBS need time to get the shopping done before the sale on 9th December.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale The next planned sale is **Thursday 2nd December** (weather permitting). If you require anything before then, please email the School Office with any uniform requests.

Amazon Smile With thoughts turning to Christmas shopping, we wanted to remind you that 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 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. So sign up quick to make the most of this free money!



EasyFundraising We've also registered Friends of Upper Beeding School 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>



Recycling News!



Thank you for all the lovely recycling donations your children are bringing in – these are all being included in the Classroom Recycling Challenge, and the children are all hoping their class will win the prize at the end of term! As you know we are on a real recycling mission here at Upper Beeding, and we are turning your lovely donations into hard cash. With the festive season fast approaching, please keep an eye on the list of items we collect (attached again for your info) so you don't miss anything! We are excited to announce that we can now also accept Pringles packets plus the plastic lids and the foil inserts! Look out for the November Recycling Newsletter coming soon.

Best wishes

Becky Linford, Head Teacher



Dates for Autumn Term 2021

Wed 24th Nov

Thu 25th Nov

Fri 26th Nov

Wed 1st Dec

Thu 2nd Dec

Thu 2nd Dec

Fri 3rd Dec

Fri 3rd Dec

Fri 3rd Dec

Mon 6th Dec

Tue 7th Dec

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Wed 15th Dec

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Thu 16th Dec

Fri 17th Dec

Mon 20th Dec – Mon 3rd Jan

Year 5/6 VE Day Tea Dance

Last date for Christmas Gift Sale applications

1:00pm Italy and Iceland Classes Swimming

6:00pm Late Night Christmas Singing in Steyning

2:45pm Kenya Class Assembly

FUBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Wear Red or Festive Day - donations for Christmas Market

1:00pm Italy and Iceland Classes Swimming

5:00pm FUBS Christmas Market

2:30pm KS1 Christmas Show to Parents

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Annual Reindeer Fun Run for Chestnut Tree House

FUBS Christmas Gift Sale

KS1 Christingle Services at St Peters

9:30am Reception Nativity to Parents

1:00pm Italy and Iceland Classes Swimming

2:45pm Italy Class Assembly

9:15am Years 5 and 6 Christmas Show to Parents

2:15pm Years 3 and 4 Christmas Show to Parents

Reception and KS1 Visit to Pantomime

9:15am Years 3 and 4 Christmas Show to Parents

2:15pm Years 5 and 6 Christmas Show to Parents

KS1 Medieval Day

FUBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

TBC 4:30pm KS2 Christmas Disco

Last Day of Autumn Term

Christmas Break – School Closed





Academic Year 2021 to 2022

Term	Dates
Autumn Term 2021	Starts: Thursday 2 nd September Half Term: Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October Ends: Friday 17 th December Bank Holidays: None INSET Days: Thursday 2 nd September, Friday 3 rd September
Christmas Break	Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January
Spring Term 2022	Starts: Tuesday 4 th January Half Term: Monday 21 st February to Friday 25 th February Ends: Friday 8 th April INSET Days: None
Easter Break	Monday 11 th April to Friday 22 nd April
Summer Term 2022	Starts: Monday 25 th April Half Term: Monday 30 th May Wednesday 1 st June Ends: Thursday 21 st July Bank Holidays: Monday 2 nd May, Thursday 2 nd June, and Friday 3 rd June INSET Days: Monday 6 th June, Friday 8 th July, Thursday 21 st July

