



Friends of Upper Beeding School (FUBS) PTA

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Upper Beeding Primary School, School Road

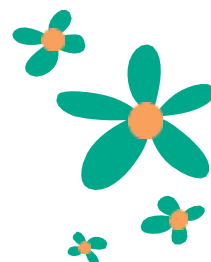
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It goes without saying that the past year has been challenging for everyone and that includes FUBS. Although some of the school's favourite fundraising events had to be cancelled during the pandemic, FUBS haven't stopped fundraising, so we thought you might like to know what we've been up to, and what is planned for the future as well.

Firstly, as a quick reminder, FUBS (Friends of Upper Beeding School) is the PTA for our wonderful school and works hard to raise much needed funds to support and enrich the experiences for all of our children at school. Without the fabulous support of all the parents, as well as the staff and wider community, FUBS couldn't do what it does.



Despite the significant restrictions to fundraising over the past year or so, FUBS have used some very creative thinking and have still managed to raise some money for the school. In fact, since January 2020 FUBS have raised an amazing £7,000. None of this would have been possible without the incredible commitment of the FUBS team, and the fantastic support of parents, families and the wider community.

So, on behalf of FUBS, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone, whether it was searching for a few 20p coins when no one had any cash in lockdown, or whether it was running one of the fundraising events.

Here's some of the things that have happened:

- **Bags2School** a great way to turn your unwanted/outgrown clothes into money for school. And a good excuse for a sort out! Another collection will be announced for the end of the Summer term.
 - **Easy Fundraising** do you shop online? Hundreds of sites donate a percentage of their sales to your chosen charity, including FUBS. Just go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk for more information. You can even set up a reminder whenever you visit a participating site. In the past 18 months over £550 has been raised this way, just by shopping online as you usually do. And it doesn't cost you a penny more!
- **Pre-Loved School Uniform Sales** every item is sold for £1. Although FUBS can't do the sales face to face right now because of current restrictions, just email the school office on office@upperbeeding.w-sussex.sch.uk if you need something.
- **Filling Smartie Tubes with 20p Coins** this replaced our usual Halloween Disco last year and raised an amazing £778. Wow! Definitely something that FUBS may do again.
- **Christmas and Summer Raffles** these have been online recently, but remained hugely popular, raising over £1,000. Huge thanks go to those who donated the fabulous prizes.



- **Gift Sales** sadly the Mother's Day gift sale had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, but FUBS hope to hold a Fathers' Day sale in June. More information on this will follow soon.
- **Sales of Christmas Cards, T-towels, Mugs etc** these all showed the children's fabulous creations, and made lovely gifts
- **Valentines Quiz Night** with loads of themed questions and lots of hearts.
- **Non-Uniform Days** the children love wearing their own clothes on special days in exchange for a small donation to FUBS towards an upcoming event.

All this hard work has meant that school have been able to buy a variety of things for the children throughout the school. This includes new (and much needed) outside shelter to protect the children from the sun – they also help on rainy days too; annual subscriptions to First News, a children's newspaper service; new kitchen equipment so the children can continue to practice their cooking skills and learn about food and nutrition; funding towards all the exciting activities that happened during National Book Week 2020 which happened just before the first lockdown; and crackers for every child at the Christmas lunch!





WE WANT YOU!

All parents are part of FUBS and can be involved in any way they want, whether it's helping run a stall at the Summer Fete for an hour or so, or becoming more involved and running particular events and joining the FUBS team. There are a number of opportunities coming up for parents to get more involved, in particular FUBS will need a new Chair, Treasurer and Secretary from November 2021. Anyone taking on these roles, or indeed anything else within FUBS will get loads of support and help from existing members so you are never left to get on with things alone.

Anyone who is interested in supporting FUBS or getting more involved please send us a message at FUBSoffice@gmail.com.

And last, but not least, it looks like there will be a **Summer Fete** this year. It may be on a smaller scale and look slightly different to previous years, but it will be just as much fun, so make a note of the date **Saturday 17 July** and watch out for more information coming soon.

Finally, can we just say a **THANK YOU** to everyone who works so hard in whatever capacity to make Upper Beeding Primary School such a wonderful place for all our children. Thank you for your continued support.

FUBS Team.