

Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an incredibly busy Spring Term! In the last few weeks alone we have had, amongst other things, our Book Week, which opened with our very first Reading Breakfast (thank you to everyone who joined us for pastries and juices); Year 6 have visited Shakespeare's Globe Theatre (thanks very much to FUBS for part funding this new trip); Years 3 and 4 have had Rainbow Theatre in to tell them about Ancient Egypt; and Year 1/2 had a visit from some very cute hedgehogs on their Wildlife Day. What makes me very proud is that on all our visits or when welcoming visitors to the school, the children have been praised for their excellent behavior.



Please can I remind parents that it is important children come to school in the correct uniform. Lately, we have seen children wearing trainers, hoodies and jewelry, which are not part of our uniform policy. If for whatever reason your child needs to temporarily wear clothing not included in our policy, please speak to the class teacher. Please may I also remind you that children should have a full PE kit in school on their PE days.



In staffing news, I am very sad to say that Mrs Bonney will be leaving us at the end of this term to move to another part of the country. Mrs Bonney has been at Upper Beeding for 9 years and has been a very important and much loved member of the team. Many of your children will have had the opportunity to be taught by Mrs. Bonney and will know what a caring and dedicated teacher she is. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best at her new school. We are very fortunate that Mr Hughes will be stepping in

to teach India Class in the lead up to SATs. While he does, his Year 4 Maths group will be taught in their home class as they already are for English.

Equally sadly, Mrs Wellby will not be returning to us in September as she has been successful in securing a permanent position as Deputy Headteacher at the school she has been seconded to this year. This is a fantastic opportunity for Mrs Wellby and we wish her all the best in this new part of her career. Mrs Wellby has been a member of staff at Upper Beeding for 24 years so I am sure many of you will have fond memories of her. She has been a driving force for music and performing arts at the school and within the locality during this time, and I am sure the children will miss her, as will the staff.



We are so lucky to be having Freddie the Therapy dog visiting us every other Thursday after Easter, which has been arranged by Mrs Johnson. Freddie is registered as a Therapy Dog as part of the Paws to Read scheme from Therapy Dogs Nationwide. She will be coming in from Thursday 20th April for the afternoon. Initially, she will be listening to children from years 4/5, and then after the May half term we are hoping that she will be able to listen to some of our year 6 children. She will be with her owner, Brenda, and located in the library. Selected children will be able to take a reading passport with them to say what they are doing and Brenda will give them a special sticker to say that they have read to Freddie that day. We are also hoping to have Dougie the Cockapoo visiting us – more details soon!



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

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break, with plenty of sunshine and chocolate! School starts back on Monday 17th April.

Best wishes,
Matt Andrews



Attendance Update



Each half term we celebrate the class with the best attendance and I am very pleased to say that in the first half of the Spring term Greece class topped the table! They have received a certificate in recognition of their achievement and were allowed to wear their own clothes to school for a day. The title is up for grabs again for this half term – who will it be?

Research shows that pupils with 95%+ attendance for their school career are more likely to achieve well in their SATs, GCSEs and A-levels and have better prospects for work, college and university.

General Information

Chartwells New Ordering System Chartwells are launching a new school lunch ordering system in the Summer term. This will enable parents/carers of children in all year groups (including Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) to select a specific meal for their child each day. Please see attached a flyer from Chartwells with important dates and we will be emailing out further information to you after the Easter holidays.



Book Bank *'There can be few things as powerful as regularly reading to a young child. It has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns'*
National Literacy Trust

As teachers, we appreciate the importance of reading with and to children, and for children to have access to their own books to read at home. We have been pleased with the increasing number of families attending our Book Bank. They are **FREE**. If your child does not enjoy the book they have chosen, or you have simply finished with it, you are welcome to return it, but if you love it – keep it! Books offered will be a mixture of used reading scheme books, fiction and non-fiction books, and will be for all ages. We are happy to accept donations of books for the Book Bank to keep our stocks high.

Book Bank will be available outside the KS1 Block (or in the end classroom if wet) from **3:15pm to 3:45pm on Thursday 20th April, 4th May, and 18th May.**

Hubbard - Community Support Our school is excited to be involved in this community initiative based at The Hub in Upper Beeding. We would like to remind you about The Hubbard which provides support to families and individuals in need by offering a wide choice of groceries, household products, and toiletries. Customers can choose products that they actually need rather than taking a pre-selected bag.

The school has teamed up with local parents and businesses, and over the festive break offered initial welfare packs of general toiletries and household items which were very gratefully accepted by families in need. The Hubbard is open **Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9:00am to 11:00am, and Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00pm to 3:00pm.** The Welfare Hubbard will run alongside the Food Hubbard.

Please be advised that this is a completely confidential service.

Although already supported by some businesses, this valuable new service would welcome further donations of goods or money to keep it well-stocked. It is a particularly difficult time for some of our local families, demand is even higher than expected, and still increasing.

FUBS have kindly offered to accept monetary donations on behalf of The Hubbard. BACS payments may be made to Friends of Upper Beeding School sort code 20-98-74 account number 50901032. Please use the reference 'Hubbard' when making a payment.

Toiletry, household and non-perishable food item donations may be handed in to the office. Welcome donations would be:

Antibac wipes

Soap / Shower Gel

Shampoo

Deodorant

Shaving Cream / Gel

Toothbrushes / Toothpaste

Toilet Rolls

Sanitary Towels / Tampons

Tissues

Laundry Detergent

Washing Up Liquid

Cleaning Sprays

Dish Cloths / Sponges



If you work for a company that may be interested in supporting this initiative, please get in touch with the school office in the first instance. The school is very proud to support the local community and The Hubbard, and would ask that you share these details with anyone who may benefit from this service or be able to support it.



Parent Support Vicki Butchers from The Hub will be available again to meet with parents on **3rd May** and **7th June**. If you would like to meet with Vicki to discuss family matters and the support that may be available to you, please contact Dr Gwilliam via the school office to arrange an appointment and/or to get further information.

Extra-Curricular Clubs The list of available clubs for next term will be sent out soon with details of the school run clubs on offer next term as well as those from external providers.

We will be sending out information regarding clubs offered by external providers by the end of this week by email. If your child wishes to attend any of these, please contact the provider directly over the Easter break as these clubs may be starting the first week back.

School run clubs may be booked in the first week of Summer term, and most of them will start in the second week. Please note that some of the after school and before school clubs will be running waiting lists as they are popular, but may have limited capacity. A Google form booking system will be run again as this was successful for Spring term. **Please do not turn up to an after school or before school club if you have not had confirmation of a place by text.**

Lunchtime clubs are generally turn up sessions, unless they are by invite only. Speak to relevant club leaders for further information if required.



Would you like to be a School Governor? Upper Beeding Primary School currently has a vacancy for a Governor. This is an exciting opportunity to join our Governing Body and be part of a dynamic team helping to shape and facilitate the strategic future of our school.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor of this school, please contact the Clerk on louise.brown@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk for further information. Applications will be accepted from community, parents, and grandparents.

Music Tuition at School If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument, we offer the following lessons at school, all led by external teachers. Please contact the instructors directly for further information, prices, and availability of lesson places.



Guitar
Piano and Violin
Drums
Recorder / Flute / Clarinet

Mr Graham Hinton
Miss Natasha White
Mr Blake Mostyn
Mr Nick Chalk

graham.hinton@westsussexmusic.co.uk
natasha.c.white@outlook.com
blake.mostyn@googlemail.com
nick.chalk@westsussexmusic.co.uk



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.

FUBS News



WE WANT YOU

FUBS Meetings Thank you to everyone who came to our last meeting in February, it was lovely to see you. Our super fundraising team will be meeting again after the Easter break. We will let you know the date nearer the time, but FUBS would love you to come along and find out what they do, and maybe get involved in some of the fabulous fundraising events they have planned for this year. The money FUBS raises for school is invaluable, even more so in the current economic climate, and we are so lucky to have such a dedicated team supporting UBPS. FUBS are always happy to hear your fundraising ideas, so if you can't go along to a meeting, please contact them on FUBScontact@gmail.com



FUBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sales The full sale will take place as often as weather permits as we need it to be dry and not windy to put all the rails and boxes out, but if you require anything urgently, please email or pop into the school office and we can have a look for you. While the weather is wintry, we have a rail up near the office with a selection of items each day. This will also continue after Easter while we wait for the better weather! 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 uniform too to keep the shop well stocked – please hand into the office.



Easyfundraising Friends of Upper Beeding School are 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>

Family Coronation Picnic Friday 5th May from 3:15pm. Put the date in your diaries now – more information will follow after the Easter break. This promises to be a fun event for all the family and will be a lovely start to the coronation weekend.



Eco and Recycling News



We are nearly at the end of the Spring term, and just after Easter we will be announcing the winners of the Classroom Recycling Challenge for this term. It may not be Greece winning again this term as competition has been hotting up! Please check the list below for items your child can bring in to recycle – this will save so much plastic from going to landfill, and can also raise much needed funds for our school.

Please only send in items that are on the list – if/when we start to collect anything else, we will let you know – thank you for your continued support.

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 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 brand of gloves.



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 (includes plastic takeaway boxes!); all brands of reusable plastic water bottles and lids.

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

Hand Wash Pumps and Hand Wash Refill Pouches and Caps – any brand

YES All brands of hand wash pumps; all brands of hand wash refill pouches and caps.

NO Plastic hand wash bottles; plastic hand gel bottles and caps; hand cream bottles and pumps.

Confectionery Product Packaging – any brand

YES All brands of plastic chocolate and sweets pouches and bags; all brands of chocolate and sweets multipack outer plastic packaging; all brands of plastic chocolate block wrappers; all brands of plastic individual chocolate bare wrappers.

NO Breakfast, granola or energy bar wrappers; aluminium foil, cardboard and paper wrappers; cardboard tubes; metal tins; rigid plastic trays and tubs; chocolate box packaging; Quality Street wrappers.

Biscuit, Cracker and Cake Product Packaging – any brand

YES All brands of non-savoury biscuit flexible plastic wrappers; all brands of cracker flexible plastic wrappers; all brands of cake flexible plastic wrappers.

NO Foil wrappers; cardboard packets.

Please share the above with your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues – posters can be supplied if they would be useful, just ask Lou in the office! A hard copy of the above list is always available in the letter rack by the office, or can be emailed to you.



New! Clothing and Textile Recycling

Did you know that the UK is the fourth largest producer of textile waste in Europe.....

Did you know that each Briton throws away about 3.1kg of textiles every year.....

Did you know it takes 700 gallons of water to make a cotton shirt..... It takes a lot of water to

produce the cotton needed to make clothes. To put these numbers in perspective, the amount of water needed to make a t-shirt is enough for one person to stay hydrated for 900 days while the amount of water needed to make a pair of jeans is equivalent to hosing down your lawn for 9 hours straight.

Did you know that clothes can take up to 40 years to decompose..... While some materials take longer to decompose than others, all have harmful effects for the environment. In addition to releasing gases like methane, most fabrics are made with dyes and chemicals that can contaminate the soil and water in the ground.

Did you know that shoes can take up to 1,000 years to break down.....

What can we do to stop this? Well, 95% of textiles can be recycled. Textiles can be re-purposed into several things including sports fields, pillow stuffing, more textiles, and paper money! Good quality clothing and textiles that still have some life in them might go straight to a new owner without any alteration so they can be loved again.



70% of the world wears second-hand clothing.

From this Friday 31st March we will have a clothing/textile bank on site here at our school. You will no longer have to save up your unwanted items for our six monthly collections, you can put it into our clothing bank daily at drop off and pick up, and even when the school is closed – sounds like an ideal time to clear out those cupboards and drawers! And not only are we saving all these things from landfill, and fulfilling a need for second-hand clothing and textiles, we get paid by the kilo – win, win!

Acceptable items: all clothing; all shoes; bed linen; accessories such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags; soft toys.

Not acceptable: duvets; cushions; off cuts; used underwear and socks; carpet; curtains.



RHS Big Seed Sow The school Eco Club have been helping to create a new wildflower meadow as part of the RHS Big Seed Sow. They raked the ground and scattered lots of seeds including Oxeye daisies, poppies, cornflowers and meadow buttercups! The mini meadow will be the perfect place for bees, butterflies and insects in the school's 'wild area!' Thanks to @GreeningSteyning for the funding for the seeds, and thanks to parents Elfie Gloster and Ben Adam for helping the children to do this.



Sporting News



Our children take part in various sporting activities with local primary schools throughout the term. We are very proud of their achievements and their sportsmanship, and want to share some of them with you. Special thanks as always go to parents who transport the children to these events, and for their sterling support from the sidelines during the matches.

Special congratulations go to the Year 3/4 Benchball teams who won both their recent tournaments and are locality champions – a fantastic achievement – well done!



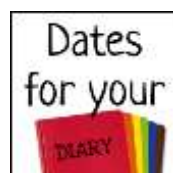
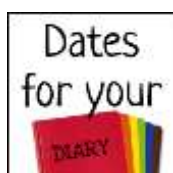
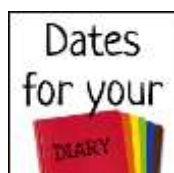
Please can all children have a **full PE kit with them every day** at school – as well as the regular PE sessions, there may be trials or practice sessions for upcoming tournaments. There is some PE kit in the pre-loved store if anyone needs to replace outgrown kit, including plimsolls and trainers.

Thank You



Red Nose Day for Comic Relief Thank you for your support of this annual event, it was a great day with lots of fun things organised by the Year 5/6 children. Even though we couldn't sell red noses this year as the new design meant they were unsuitable for small children, we still raised a whopping **£305**, which we have paid to the charity – well done everyone!

Racing Pigeons The school are very lucky to have two pigeons! They are owned by Peter Gretton who has been connected with the school for a long time. Each year he allocates two pigeons to our school, our children name them, and then he races them in a series of special events where there are prizes for the top school pigeons. Last year, one of our pigeons called Solo was the overall winner of all the school races, and Mr Gretton was able to present a fantastic winner's cheque to the school in January. Let's hope our two new pigeons this year like to fly home fast! Thank you Peter!



Dates for Spring Term 2023

Mon 27th Mar to Fri 31st Mar

Fri 31st Mar

Fri 31st Mar

Fri 31st Mar

Year 5/6 Residential Visit to Isle of Wight

Reception Fairy Tale Theatre

1:00 Swimming France and Japan – FIRST session

Last Day of Spring Term



Dates for Summer Term 2023

Mon 17th Apr

Tue 18th Apr

Thu 20th Apr

Fri 21st Apr

Mon 24th Apr

Tue 25th Apr

Wed 26th Apr

Fri 28th Apr

Mon 1st May

Thu 4th May

Fri 5th May

Fri 5th May

Fri 5th May

Mon 8th May

Tue 9th May to Fri 12th May

Fri 12th May

Wed 17th May

Thu 18th May

Fri 19th May

Thu 25th May

Fri 26th May

Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd Jun

Mon 5th Jun

Fri 9th Jun

Fri 9th Jun

Tue 13th Jun

Fri 16th Jun

Fri 23rd Jun

Sat 24th Jun

Fri 30th Jun

Fri 30th Jun

Wed 5th Jul

Fri 7th Jul

Fri 14th Jul

Fri 14th Jul

Fri 21st Jul

First Day of Summer Term

Year 5 Transition Visit to Steyning Gramm

3:15 Book Bank

1:00 Swimming France and Japan

KS1 Punch and Judy Visitors

KS1 RNLI Visitors

Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photos

1:00 Swimming France and Japan

Bank Holiday – School Closed

3:15 Book Bank

KS1 Rainbow Theatre – Jolly Roger

1:00 Swimming France and Japan

3:15 FUBS Family Coronation Picnic

Coronation Bank Holiday – School Closed

Year 6 SATs Week

1:00 Swimming France and Japan

Chanctonbury Music Festival

3:15 Book Bank

1:00 Swimming France and Japan

KS1 Author Cathy Watts Visit

1:00 Swimming France and Japan

Half Term Week – School Closed

INSET Day 4 – School Closed

1:00 Swimming France and Japan – LAST session

2:45 India Class Assembly

9:00 FUBS Father's Day Gift Sale

2:45 Greece Class Assembly

2:45 Norway Class Assembly

FUBS Summer Fete

KS1 trip to Brighton and Hove

2:45 Japan Class Assembly

West Sussex Year 6 Transition Day

INSET Day 5 – School Closed

Reception trip to Washbrook Farm

1:00 Year 6 Leavers Swim

Last Day of Summer Term

Academic Year 2022 to 2023

Autumn Term
2022

Starts: Thursday 1st September

Half Term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October

Ends: Friday 16th December

Bank Holidays: None

INSET Days: Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd September

Christmas Break

Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January



Spring Term 2023	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
Easter Break	Monday 3 rd April to Friday 14 th April
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, Monday 8 th May INSET Days: Monday 5 th June, Friday 7 th July

Academic Year 2023 to 2024

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

