

Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a fun filled Christmas with your families. We are very pleased to welcome the children back after the break and are excited about all the engaging learning we have in store for them this term. Year 3/4 have already begun their new topic, Incredible Egyptians, by discovering an Ancient Egyptian tomb in the school! KS1 are getting their learning on 'In the Dark' started with a Nocturnal Experience in the school hall and on Monday, Year 5 and 6 may find their teachers have been replaced by rather stricter versions on their Vile Victorians Wow Day...

We have a number of sports competitions this half term, including boys and girls football tournaments and cross country running, which I am sure all the teams will do well in. We love to celebrate our pupils' achievements so please let us know if your child has had sporting success outside of school and we will share the news in our school assembly.

This month we will once again be attending Young Voices at the O2; the children have already wowed me in their singing practice with Mrs Disney so I can't wait to see their performance on the night.

Just a reminder that the school gate closes at 8:55 as class teachers need to be in class to greet their children. If you arrive with your children at this time the staff will be closing the gate and will direct you to the front office, so please don't be offended – they have somewhere they need to be!

Thank you,
Mr Andrews

Attendance Update



Did you know that a child with attendance of 80% from Y1 to Y5 will have missed the equivalent of one day of school every single week, which is a whole year of missed education by the time they reach Y6?

We are celebrating good attendance at our school each half term and I am delighted to say that last half term the class with the best attendance was USA! They have received a certificate in recognition of their achievement. We have talked with the children about how good attendance isn't about coming to school when you are ill, but it is about coming to school on all the other days so that they can learn as much as possible.

General Information



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. Therefore, from next week we will be offering a 'Book Bank' for all at our school. 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, and will be for all ages.

Book Bank will be available outside the KS1 Block (or in the end classroom if wet) from **3:15pm to 3:45pm on Thursday 12th January, Thursday 26th January, and Thursday 9th February.**

Hubbard - Community Support Our school is excited to be involved in a new community initiative based at The Hub in Upper Beeding. We would like to introduce you to 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, for example shower gel, toothpaste, washing-up liquid, and laundry detergent. The Hubbard is open **Mondays, Wednesday, 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 new service would welcome further donations of goods or money to keep it well-stocked. It is anticipated that January/February could be a particularly difficult time for some of our local families, and demand is expected to be high.

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 items 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. Please 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 to meet with parents on 1st February and 1st March. If you would like to meet with Vicki to discuss family matters and support available to you, please contact Dr Gwilliam via the school office to arrange an appointment or get further information.

Extra-Curricular Clubs The list of available clubs for this term was sent out at the end of last term and also earlier this week. Please contact external providers direct if your child wishes to join one of their after school clubs. Please use the Google form if you wish to register a place with the specific staff run before and after school clubs which have limited capacity. Some of these are now running waiting lists. For all other staff run clubs at lunchtime, your child can just turn up unless it's invite only. See the clubs overview sheet for full details. Parents who have already applied for school run clubs via the Google link should have received confirmation of their child's place allocation earlier this week. Parents should also have received texts regarding waiting lists if clubs are already full. **Please do not turn up to an after school or before school club if you have not had confirmation of a place.**



Google form link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nWQn9CEBgqrwN022p9WvAfsb8Jrz1j8ZhYi_19ANmiw/edit#response=ACYDBNiW1KNryeT5wr4JKZJZc-5l5kS3diQRO2r17SC2QHmZ34VvAc5zOy49a6cM2VUkbuk



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.



Warm Hub Just a reminder that the Warm Hub which started in November at the Hub in Church Lane, is continuing. 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. 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 places.

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

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



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 2nd February** at 7:45pm for an 8:00pm start in the Rising Sun. Please come along and find out what FUBS 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 the meeting, please contact them on FUBScontact@gmail.com

FUBS Bag2School Collection The next collection date is in the diary for **9:15am on Thursday 2nd March** so why not take the opportunity to clear out those cupboards and drawers and have a Spring Clean! Please bring your donations (see list below) into school by 9:15am on Thursday 2nd March – 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 all that week, (preferably after school on Wednesday 1st March!), if you can't get to school on the Thursday morning.



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.





Mother's Day Gift Sale This is planned for **Tuesday 14th March**, and full details will be sent out nearer the time if you wish your child to purchase a gift in this lovely annual event.

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 to put 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. 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 to keep the shop well stocked!



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!

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 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 and increase the amount of recycling we do.

The Classroom Recycling Challenge is certainly gaining momentum, and we are pleased to announce that the winner for the Autumn Term is Greece Class. Well done Greece for your second win! You will get some money to spend in your classroom. The challenge starts again now for the Spring term, so please think before you throw away, save plastic from going to landfill, and help your child's class to win the challenge this term by collecting items from the list below.



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; 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 be useful, just ask Lou in the office! A hard copy of the above list is available in the letter rack by 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 we also collect (part) rolls of wrapping paper which are always useful.

Sporting News



Our children will be taking 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 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.

Please can 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.



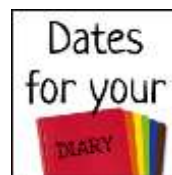
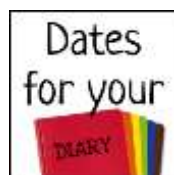
Thank You

Reindeer Fun Run Thank you for your support of Chestnut Tree House in December by sending in your donations towards the antlers and noses, and your sponsorship money. If anyone still has any monies at home, please hand into the office at the start of next week as the money is being collected at the end of the week. We will let you know the total raised once CTH have counted it!



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 Spring Term 2023

Mon 9th Jan
Mon 9th Jan
Tue 10th Jan
We 11th Jan
Thu 12th Jan
Fri 13th Jan
Mon 16th Jan
Tue 17th Jan
Wed 18th Jan
Wed 18th Jan
Fri 20th Jan
Fri 20th Jan
Tue 24th Jan
Thu 26th Jan
Thu 26th Jan
Fri 27th Jan
Fri 27th Jan
Mon 30th Jan
Mon 30th Jan
Thu 2nd Feb
Thu 2nd Feb
Thu 2nd Feb
Fri 3rd Feb
Mon 6th Feb
Thu 9th Feb
Fri 10th Feb
Fri 10th Feb
Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb

Year 5/6 WOW Day – Vile Victorians
Year 1/2 Nocturnal Experience
3:30 Year 3/4 Cross Country Tournament
Fire Service Visiting Reception
3:15 Book Bank
1:00 Swimming Iceland and Norway
3:45 Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
Owls visiting KS1
1:00 Steyning Museum visiting Reception
1:15 Police visiting Year 5/6
1:00 Chartwells Food Handling with Reception
1:00 Swimming Iceland and Norway – LAST session
11:00 Young Voices Concert at O2 Arena
3:15 Book Bank
3:45 Year 5/6 Cross Country Tournament
1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico – FIRST session
2:45 Kenya Class Assembly
KS1 Trip to British Wildlife Centre
3:00 Year 3/4 Boys Football Tournament
Year 3/4 Trip to Brighton Museum
3:30 Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament
7:45 FUBS Meeting at Rising Sun
1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico
3:45 Year 5/6 Girls Netball Tournament
3:15 Book Bank
10:30 Author Kate Thompson visiting KS1
1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico
Half Term Week – School Closed



Fri 24th Feb
 Mon 27th Feb to Fri 3rd Mar
 Thu 2nd Mar
 Thu 2nd Mar
 Fri 3rd Mar
 Fri 3rd Mar
 Mon 6th Mar
 Wed 8th Mar
 Wed 8th Mar
 Thu 9th Mar
 Thu 9th Mar
 Fri 10th Mar
 Fri 10th Mar
 Tue 14th Mar
 Thu 16th Mar
 Fri 17th Mar
 Fri 17th Mar
 Fri 17th Mar
 Wed 22nd Mar
 Fri 24th Mar
 Fri 24th Mar
 Mon 27th Mar to Fri 31st Mar
 Fri 31st Mar
 Fri 31st Mar

1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico
 Book Week
 9:15 FUBS Bag2School Collection
 World Book Day
 1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico
 2:45 Morocco Class Assembly
 Year 5/6 Trip to Michelham Priory (50%)
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 9:00 Born Free Assembly for KS1
 9:30 Hedgehog Visitors in KS1
 Year 3/4 Wow Day & Rainbow Theatre
 1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico
 2:45 Iceland Class Assembly
 9:00 FUBS Mother's Day Gift Sale
 Year 6 Visit to Shakespeare's Globe
 Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
 1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico
 2:45 Mexico Class Assembly
 Year 3/4 Time to Dance
 1:00 Swimming Morocco and Mexico – LAST session
 2:45 Australia Class Assembly
 Year 5/6 Residential Visit to Isle of Wight
 1:00 Swimming France and Japan – FIRST session
 Last Day of Spring Term

Dates for Summer Term 2023

Mon 17th Apr
 Fri 21st Apr
 Fri 28th Apr
 Mon 1st May
 Fri 5th May
 Mon 8th May
 Tue 9th May – Fri 12th May
 Fri 12th May
 Wed 17th May
 Fri 19th 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
 Fri 30th Jun
 Wed 5th Jul
 Fri 7th Jul
 Fri 14th Jul
 Fri 21st Jul

First Day of Summer Term
 1:00 Swimming France and Japan
 1:00 Swimming France and Japan
 Bank Holiday – School Closed
 1:00 Swimming France and Japan
 Coronation Bank Holiday – School Closed
 Year 6 SATs Week
 1:00 Swimming France and Japan
 Chanctonbury Music Festival
 1:00 Swimming France and Japan
 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
 2:45 Japan Class Assembly
 West Sussex Year 6 Transition Day
 INSET Day 5 – School Closed
 1:00 Year 6 Leavers Swim
 Last Day of Summer Term



Academic Year 2022 to 2023

Autumn Term 2022	Starts: Thursday 1 st September Half Term: Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October Ends: Friday 16 th December Bank Holidays: None INSET Days: Thursday 1 st September, Friday 2 nd September
Christmas Break	Monday 19 th December to Monday 2 nd 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

