



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are really proud of how the children have adapted and are coping with the new expectations at school and they are trying really hard with all their learning. It has also been lovely to see our new children in Reception; they have settled in so well already and we are really enjoying getting to know them all.



Face Masks

In line with the new Government regulations, we now need all parents to please wear a face mask when coming into the School Office, even if it's just to drop something off. Thank you for your support with this.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Thank you to all the parents who have adapted to our new drop off and pick up systems and timings. We do appreciate all your support and efforts to maintain social distancing at these times. **A gentle reminder that families should be at least a metre apart where possible and once you have dropped off / picked up your children, you should then leave the school premises.**

Test and Trace

Public Health England and NHS Test and Trace have produced a letter today for parents giving information on when to ask for a Covid-19 test, clarifying the symptoms to look out for, and outlining the procedures for the household. This is attached to this newsletter.



Test and Trace

Communication

If you need to speak to your child's teacher please can I remind you not to do this at pick up at the gate to enable all of us to stay safe. Please call or email the School Office, and the teacher will get back to you as soon as they are able to. I know that this can be frustrating for all concerned as we are all used to being able to have a quick chat. Please can you also make sure that if there are any changes to who is picking up your child that this is communicated to the office as soon as possible, preferably before lunch-time. We really appreciate your support with this.



Parking Outside of School

We have unfortunately had a complaint from a resident that a car is regularly parking where the cones are outside the school. This does cause a safety concern for all of our children as it limits the eye lines and what children can see as they try to cross the road.

Healthy Schools

If your child would like a snack at morning break-time, we would be grateful if you could ensure that they bring in either fruit or vegetables. Please **do not** send your child to school with **sesame seeds, nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts** for their morning snack or lunch as we do have children in the school who have severe allergies to such items. Grapes should be cut in half please. Snacks are provided by school for all children in Reception, Years 1 and Year 2, but they can bring in their own if they prefer.

We also ask children to bring in a **named, clear plastic** bottle for drinking water in class. These should not be used for drinking squash or fruit juice in class. Bottles are available from the school office for £1.00.





Birthday Celebrations

In school we always celebrate a birthday in the class and I know that some parents like to give their child something to share with their class, which is lovely. Unfortunately, we have had to make the decision that we are unable to continue to do this at the moment due to the current circumstances, so please do not send in sweets, cakes or healthy alternatives on their birthday. **Thank you for your support with this.**

Staff News

I am delighted to be able to let you know that Mrs McCauley and her husband are now proud parents of baby Michael. He arrived on Monday and is doing really well. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them in this exciting news.



Is Your Child Entitled to Free School Meals?

What you need to know: Free school meals are only available in England and Wales. Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please remember that even if your child doesn't want to have the free meal, they could still benefit in other ways through the Pupil Premium funding we would receive as a school. For more information, please speak to Christine Gilliam in the Office.



Extra-Curricular Clubs – Outdoors

Chelsea Football Club and the Outdoors Project are starting up again on the school field. These are both external providers that parents pay for and it is parent choice if their child attends. We will enable the children to change 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. Details of both clubs have been emailed out to parents – please contact the clubs direct if you are interested.

FUBS News

Under the current circumstances it has been a challenge for FUBS to fundraise over the Summer. Unfortunately, we are not going to be able to go ahead with all the usual Autumn term events this year due to COVID restrictions. There will be no discos, quizzes or Christmas Fair this year, but FUBS refuse to sit back, continue to do an amazing job, and are busy organising other fundraising events in their place. Thank you to all the organisers and supporters of FUBS' events and activities.

Bag2School Collection – Friday 16th October

We are pleased to let you know that we will be participating in the Bag2School collection again this term and the date for collection will be Friday 16th October. This scheme allows us to get paid for collecting unwanted clothing and other items, a great way of recycling for cash!

However, this collection will be slightly different in that we will be unable to accept and store any bags at school before the collection date. We would ask that you place items to be donated in your own sealed bags and bring them to school at drop off on the morning of Friday 16th October.

There will be an easily identified area of the car park where you can place the bags. Please have a sort out at home! Look out for full details which have been emailed out to you this morning.



Flu Vaccination Program (Nasal Spray for Years 1 to 6)

Your child will be bringing home a consent form this week. Please complete and return this form via your child's class teacher as soon as possible, even if you do not wish your child to participate. Thank you.



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 the moment. Please ensure this coat is named.

Pencil Cases and Water Bottles

The office has a number of un-named pencil cases and water bottles found during the Summer break that we would like to reunite with their owners. If you are missing one of these items from before lockdown, please email the office with a description and child's name, and we will see if we have it!

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

Best wishes
Becky Linford
Head Teacher



Dates for Autumn Term 2020

Thu 8th Oct
Fri 9th Oct
Fri 16th Oct
Wed 21st Oct
Thu 22nd Oct
Fri 23rd Oct
Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct
Fri 13th Nov
Wed 9th Dec
Fri 18th Dec

Individual School Photos Years R to 6
Year 3/4 WOW Day
9:00am FUBS Bag2School Collection
Parent Teacher Consultations
Parent Teacher Consultations
Non-Uniform Day – donations for FUBS
Half Term Week
Flu Vaccinations Years R to 6
Charity Reindeer Run
Last Day of Autumn Term



Dates for Spring Term 2021

Mon 4th Jan
Mon 15th Feb – Fri 19th Feb
Mon 22nd Feb – Fri 26th Feb

First Day of Spring Term
Half Term Week
Focus Week – Shakespeare Week



Fri 26th Feb – Wed 3rd Mar
 Wed 3rd Mar
 Thu 4th Mar
 Thu 4th Mar
 Fri 19th Mar
 Mon 22nd Mar – Fri 26th Mar
 Fri 1st Apr

Travelling Book Fair
 Parent Teacher Consultations
 Parent Teacher Consultations
 World Book Day
 Red Nose Day
 TBC - Yr 5/6 Residential Visit to Little Canada, IOW
 Last Day of Spring Term



Dates for Summer Term 2021

Mon 19th Apr
 Mon 3rd May
 Mon 24th May – Fri 28th May
 Mon 31st May – Fri 4th Jun
 Fri 9th Jul
 Wed 21st Jul

First Day of Summer Term
 Bank Holiday – School Closed
 Walk to School Week
 Half Term Week
 INSET Day – School Closed
 Last Day of Summer Term

Academic Year 2020 to 2021

| Term | Dates |
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| Autumn Term 2020 | Starts: Thursday 3 September – Children start on Monday 7th September Half Term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October Ends: Friday 18 th December INSET Days: Thursday 3 September, Friday 4 September |
| Christmas Break | Monday 21 December to Friday 3 January |
| Spring Term 2021 | Starts: Monday 4 January Half Term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February Ends: Thu 1 April INSET Days: None |
| Easter Break | Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April |
| Summer Term 2021 | Starts: Monday 19 April Half Term: Tuesday 1 June to Friday 4 June Ends: Friday 23 July Bank Holidays: Monday 3 May and Monday 31 May INSET Days: Friday 9 July, Thursday 22 July, Friday 23 July |