



# Upper Beeding Primary School

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful Summer. We are so proud of how the children returned back to school this week. It has been wonderful to hear them laughing, singing and to have the Beeding Buzz back!

I'd like to give an especially big welcome to our new Reception children, with some joining us this week with the rest to follow next.

Thank you to those of you who have introduced yourselves at the school gate in the morning. I look forward to getting to know the school community better over the coming weeks.

Thank you all also for your support in the systems we have put in place to keep our children safe. Please see a reminder below of the protocols we have in place so all our children are happy, safe and can enjoy their time in school.

## What time will school start and finish?

- **All children** should arrive between **8:45am and 8:55am**; registration closes at 9:00 and if they arrive after this time, they will be marked as late.
- Reception children will finish at **3:10pm**
- KS1 and KS2 children will finish at **3:15pm**

## Where is my child dropped off in the morning and picked up in the afternoon?

Year Group	Drop off time	Pick up time	Drop off for pupils and parents
Y5/6	8:45 – 8:55am	3:15pm	<b>Year 6 side gate in Church Lane by the Old Building</b> All classes: Morocco, USA, Iceland, India and Norway enter and exit school from this gate (unless meeting parents collecting younger siblings at the front of school)
Y3/4	8:45 – 8:55am	3:15pm	Main School Front Gates Side gate by Kenya Class: Mexico Side gate by Reception Class: France and Japan
Y1/2	8:45 – 8:55am	3:15pm	Main School Front Gates Side gate by Kenya Class: Australia, Greece, Kenya
EYFS	8:45 – 8:55am	3:10pm	Main School Front Gates Side gate by Reception Class: China Blue and China Red

We are continuing with the same drop off system we had last year as it worked really well, enabling the children to settle into class really quickly. Mr Hughes, Mrs Quigley and myself will be at the gates at the main school and a member of Y5/6 will be at the Church Lane gate.

**Pick up arrangements** At the end of the day the school gates will be open for KS1 and KS2 parents to meet their children on the playground or by the back exit door of the classroom.

- Y1/2 and Y3/4 children will all exit out of their classroom exit doors and leave via the side gate by Kenya class.
- We encourage Year 5/6 children to walk to and from school by themselves to reduce the number of people around the school premises and they will all exit via the Church Lane gate.



- Reception staff will bring the children to the Reception gate and hand over to waiting parents.
- All parents and children will need to have left school grounds by 3:30pm so we can lock the side gates and we would respectfully ask that you do not let younger siblings run around the adventure trail or use any school equipment.

**The school car-park will still be out of use to all parents at both drop off and pick up times unless there are significant exceptional circumstances agreed with the school in advance.**

**How do I get a message to or speak to my child's class teacher?** Please email or call the school office.

Alternatively email the class teachers directly, their emails are all on the school website in the Staff List section. There will also be an opportunity at the end of the day for a quick chat or to pass on a message outside of the classroom.



Messages regarding changes to pick up arrangements that day should be emailed or phoned to the school office **before 12 noon**. After 12 contact should be by telephone only as it cannot be guaranteed that emails will be read and messages distributed before the end of the afternoon session.

**Mobile Phones** If children in Year 5/6 have to bring a mobile phone to school with them, it will be their responsibility to hand to class teachers at the beginning of each day and collect again at the end of the day. All mobile phones must be turned off and they will be locked away for the day. If children do not follow this expectation, we will ask them not to bring their phones to school.

**What type of school shoes should my child wear?** These should be either all black or all navy and preferably shoes not trainers; children can bring trainers in to change into for lunchtime play. Children will also need trainers / plimsolls for PE and outdoor games – they should not be using their school shoes.



**Healthy Snacks** 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.** Fruit and/or vegetable morning snacks are provided by school for all children in

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, but children can bring in their own if they prefer. Please note these should only be fresh fruit or vegetables for morning snack.

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.

**Topic Letters and Parent Information** Topic letters and overview webs are being emailed out to you to help you find out about your child's topic and what they will be learning this term. More information about this can be found on our website and Google Classroom page.



**Google Classroom** We are continuing to use this to support learning in school and at home. Your login is the same as last year; please try to access Google Classroom over the coming week for more information about what is happening this term.

**School Uniform and PE Kits** It is lovely to see how smart the children look in their new school uniforms. Please could you ensure that all school uniform is **clearly named** so we can return any lost items as we do get a lot of lost property. Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school **each day**! It can be left on their peg in their cloakroom in a named bag. As we are outside for some PE and games, all children will need trainers or plimsolls at school. Please make sure children have micro-pore tape with them to cover earrings, or that they do not wear earrings to school on PE days.



**Visitors and Volunteers** We are very happy to have volunteers in school. If you would like to help in your child's class or know someone who would like to help out, please let the class teacher know and contact Rosie O'Hara in the school office on [rosie.o'hara@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk](mailto:rosie.o'hara@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk) You will need to have a DBS completed and sign our visitors and volunteers policy BEFORE you are able to come into school.



**Milk** If you would like your current Reception child to continue to have milk in school when they reach the age of 5, please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) to order and pay for milk. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Gilliam in the School Office. If your child is **under 5** we will register your child on your behalf as they are entitled to free milk.



**Birthday Celebrations** We always celebrate birthdays in school in both the classroom and in assembly. I know that some parents like to give their child something to share with their class, which is lovely, but please do not send in sweets – healthy alternatives are much more acceptable. Thank you for your support with this.

**UFSM** Universal Infant Free School Meals has come to an end if your child has now left Year 2 as they are no longer eligible for these in Year 3 (except anyone entitled to FSM). If you would like your child to continue having hot school meals now they are in Year 3 and above, please register and order meals via [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk). If you have any queries regarding hot school meals, please speak to Mrs Gilliam in the School Office.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs** We are very pleased to have our external providers back in school this term and running clubs for the children after school. Details have already been emailed out as they became available, and the overview list of clubs has full details, but you can contact the providers direct for further information.

Tuesday	Outdoors Project	<a href="mailto:rob.cruise@theoutdoorsproject.co.uk">rob.cruise@theoutdoorsproject.co.uk</a>
Wednesday	Gymnastics	<a href="mailto:amandawadman@gmail.com">amandawadman@gmail.com</a>
Thursday	Chelsea Football	<a href="mailto:Community.Enquiries@chelseafc.com">Community.Enquiries@chelseafc.com</a>
Friday	Sama Karate	<a href="mailto:info@samasoutheast.co.uk">info@samasoutheast.co.uk</a>



These are all external providers that charge parents for the club provision, and it is parent choice if their child attends. We will enable the children to change if required 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 for collection.

**Wraparound Care** We do occasionally have parents asking about school providing [wraparound care](#). All parents have the right to request we look at this provision, and we do this annually. Please click on the link above and it will take you to the part of our website that explains about the care available in the community and appropriate links.

**Communication Box** To save you queuing at the office at peak times, our red communication box is now up and running again if you just need to hand something in. This box is emptied late morning every day. It can be used for letter/forms/FUBS items etc.

**Dates for your Diary** We have started planning in events and activities for this term – please see the list at the end of this newsletter. This will be updated as events are booked.

## FUBS News!



**FUBS Meeting** Our super fundraising team is meeting on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at 7:45pm for an 8:00pm start in the Rising Sun. Please go along and have a drink with them, 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 the school is invaluable and we are so lucky to have such a dedicated team supporting UBPS. They are always happy to hear your fundraising ideas.

**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, but if you require anything urgently, please email the school office and we can have a look for you. All items are just £1.00 each.



**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](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) rather than just [amazon.co.uk](http://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>

## Recycling News!



Thank you for all the lovely recycling donations your children brought in last term. The winner of the Summer term Classroom Recycling Challenge will be announced in assembly next Monday. As you know we are on a real recycling mission here at Upper Beeding, and we are able to turn your lovely donations into hard cash. Watch out for more news about recycling and Eco coming soon.

We now have a new email address for the school office – [office@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk)

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 Autumn Term 2022

<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>1:00pm First Session - Swimming USA and India</b>
<b>Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>7:45pm FUBS Meeting @ Rising Sun</b>
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>1:00pm Swimming USA and India</b>
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep</b>	<b>Jeans for Genes Day</b>
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep</b>	<b>1:00pm Swimming USA and India</b>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sep to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>Year 6 Bikeability Training</b>
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>1:00pm Swimming USA and India</b>
<b>Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>School Photographs</b>
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>1:00pm Swimming USA and India</b>
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Fire Service Visit to KS1</b>
<b>Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Years R to 6 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations</b>
<b>Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Year 3/4 WOW Day</b>
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>1:00pm Swimming USA and India</b>
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Rainbow Theatre Visit to KS1</b>
<b>Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Year 3/4 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm</b>
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>1:00pm Swimming USA and India</b>
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Half Term – School Closed</b>
<b>Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>3:30 – 6:30pm Parent Teacher Meetings</b>
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>3:30 – 5:30pm Parent Teacher Meetings</b>
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>1:00pm Last Session - Swimming USA and India</b>
<b>Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Nov to Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>3:15pm Travelling Book Fair</b>
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>2:45pm USA Class Assembly</b>
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Children in Need</b>
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>1:00pm First Session - Swimming Iceland and Norway</b>
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>2:45pm France Class Assembly</b>
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>1:00pm Swimming Iceland and Norway</b>
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>2:45pm Kenya Class Assembly</b>





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1:00pm Swimming Iceland and Norway  
 5:30 – 8:00pm FUBS Christmas Market  
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 Last Day of Autumn Term  
 First Day of Christmas Break – School Closed

## Academic Year 2022 to 2023

Term	Dates
Autumn Term 2022	<b>Starts:</b> Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Ends:</b> Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Bank Holidays:</b> None <b>INSET Days:</b> Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September, Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Christmas Break	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
Spring Term 2023	<b>Starts:</b> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Ends:</b> Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March <b>INSET Day:</b> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Break	
Summer Term 2023	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June <b>Ends:</b> Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July <b>Bank Holidays:</b> Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May <b>INSET Days:</b> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June, Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July

