



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Autumn 6 – Wednesday 12th December

Dear Parents/Carers



The last two weeks have seen the children take part in a variety of Christmas events, as well as producing two lovely Christmas shows. Our youngest children started us off last week with a wonderful, heart-warming performance of "A Little Nativity", and this week saw the whole of KS1 perform "Noisy Nativity" fantastically to a packed hall of parents. Next week, KS2 are performing a singing extravaganza for their parents, grandparents and community called "Counting Down to Christmas".

The children continue to wow us with their singing and courage to perform for the parents. A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped to put these shows together and to all the children - it still amazes me how they manage to remember so many songs, smile and do the acting - all at the same time! Thank you also for all your lovely comments.

Reindeer Run: £2437.75 Raised - AMAZING!!

Despite the weather, all of the children took part in the Reindeer Run accompanied by "Rudolph" and "Santa". The children had a great time and thank you to all the parents for sending in their Reindeer Run sponsor forms and donations. Thank you to Miss Stuart for organising and Mr Moule and our Sports Ambassadors for keeping everyone going. Please can any remaining donations be handed in to the school office by Friday morning – thank you.

We would like to give a special mention to the Roach family who kindly chose to nominate Chestnut Tree House as their chosen charity and donated their **£840** winnings (as the best "fancy dress outfit") awarded by Apollo Motor Group. Thank you so much for choosing to donate this money through Upper Beeding Primary School. On Friday we are having a special assembly where representatives from Chestnut Tree House are coming in to thank the children.

Thank you to all the parents and children who supported the singing at Steyning Late Night Shopping event and also at Arundel Cathedral. I would also like to make a special mention to Mrs Wellby for her tireless work with the many choirs and singing events she organises. Thank you Mrs Wellby!



Last Friday saw our annual Christmas Fair. Thank you, thank you and thank you to all the FUBS members who worked so hard to organise this event, particularly Mrs Bennet and Mrs Appleyard. The evening was another great success with a wide variety of stalls and entertainment by Mrs Wellby's school choir, Miss Stuart's Dance group, and the Beeding Mums' Choir. All of your support enables FUBS to fund projects for the children, like the adventure playground. Thank you also to everyone who came back to help clear away and tidy up after the event.

Click on the following link or visit our website to see our videos and new "**school twitter account**" which we would love parents to follow: <https://upper-beeding.eschools.co.uk/web>

There are still more Xmas events to come!

KS2 Counting Down to Christmas Places are almost sold out for Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December. If you asked for extras, Miss Brown will contact you Friday if / when seats become available.



For these shows we are trialling a **NO TICKET** system. We will have your name and number of tickets purchased from your sQuid account purchase, and the Office can check you off as you come in. This will enable us to know exactly who is in school during the performance. Thank you for your support with this.

FUBS Christmas Gift Sale Thursday 13th December Children will be bringing their secret gifts home. If there are any helpers available to assist FUBS from 9.00am on the day (any time at all would be appreciated), please could you let the office know. Many thanks.

KS2 Christmas Disco Thursday 13th December 4:30 – 6:00pm Tickets are still on sale and can be purchased through sQuid. The tickets will be given out to the children on Thursday morning.

Christmas Lunch Friday 14th December This is always a great lunch time. FUBS have bought all the children a Christmas cracker to have with their lunch and children can bring in **Christmas hats** to wear, or their reindeer antlers from the recent Reindeer Run.

Start of the Day - Reminder

To support our safeguarding procedures and keeping children safe, please could children and parents not be in school buildings before 8:45am, unless they have a club or a pre-arranged appointment. If you do need to speak to a Class Teacher urgently or about a confidential matter, please go to the school office where we can arrange for the teacher to come and talk to you outside of the classroom environment when other children are settling into school. Alternatively, please telephone us to make an appointment.

We would also like to request that parents try not to use the main front door as general access in or out of the school at the beginning or end of the day, but use the side entrances if they come in with their children. We are becoming concerned about the volume of people coming in and out and really appreciate your support with this. Please only come into the main reception area if you need to see the school office. Thank you.

Children Starting School in September 2019 Applications can be made via www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions and the deadline for applications is **Tuesday 15th January 2019**. Any applications received after this date will be treated as late applications, and will not be considered by the Admissions Office until all other applications have been dealt with. If you have any queries regarding the application process, please speak to Mrs Gilliam in the school office.

Spring Term After School and Lunchtime Clubs A list of the available extra-curricular activities for the Spring term will be on the school website and also coming home via email next week. Copies can be obtained from the office from Monday. Please note that start dates for some clubs may be staggered.

Wednesday 19th December is the last day of school. Children are expected to come in school uniform and class letters have been or will be sent home about any activities being held.
School closes at the usual time of 3:10/3:15pm.

SPRING TERM – Our first day back after the Christmas break is **Thursday 3rd January 2019**.



All the children, staff, Governors and FUBS would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Best wishes
Becky Linford
Head Teacher





Dates for Autumn Term 2018

Thu 13th Dec
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 Fri 14th Dec
 Mon 17th Dec
 Tue 18th Dec
 Tue 18th Dec
 Wed 19th Dec
 Thu 20th Dec

FUBS Christmas Gift Sale
 4:30-6:00 KS2 Christmas Disco
Swimming Morocco and Italy classes
 2:00 KS2 Christmas Performance to Parents
 9:15 KS2 Christmas Performance to Parents
 1:30 KS2 Christmas Performance to Community
 Last Day of Autumn Term
First Day of Christmas Holiday



Academic Year 2018 to 2019

Term	Dates
Autumn Term 2018	Starts: Monday 3 September Half Term: Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October Ends: Wednesday 19 December INSET Days: Monday 3 September
Christmas Break	Thursday 20 December to Wednesday 2 January
Spring Term★ 2019	Starts: Thursday 3 January Half Term: Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February Ends: Friday 5 April Bank Holidays: Tuesday 1 January, Friday 19 April, and Monday 22 April
Easter Break	Monday 8 April to Thursday 18 April
Summer Term★ 2019	Starts: Tuesday 23 April Half Term: Tuesday 28 May to Friday 31 May Ends: Tuesday 23 July Bank Holidays: Monday 6 May and Monday 27 May INSET Days: Monday 3 June, Monday 8 July, Monday 22



Term	Dates
	July, Tuesday 23 July

