



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Autumn 08 – Friday 11th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you

As we near the end of this most different of terms, I'd like to thank you for all your messages and continued support in helping to ensure we keep our school community as safe as we can. We are especially proud of how well the children have coped over the whole term and how hard they have worked! After Christmas we will be sending home some super topic books the children have created this term for you to look at and comment on.

This week, the Department of Education suggested that schools could move a planned INSET day from the summer term 2021 to Friday 18th December. We will **NOT** be doing this. We have things organised, and are looking forward to our whole last week of term before the Christmas break with the children. I also know that a late change like this could be very difficult for our families in terms of childcare.

Christmas "Track and Trace"

We really hope that all families can keep safe and well over the coming weeks, but **if your child develops Covid-19 symptoms on either Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December and subsequently tests positive**, please contact the school immediately on the office email address office@upperbeeding.w-sussex.sch.uk

The main symptoms of coronavirus are (most people will have at least one of these symptoms):

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

We will be monitoring the office emails up until **midday on Thursday 24th December**.

Should we receive notification that a child in school has developed Covid-19 symptoms on 19th/20th December and tested positive, I will liaise with Public Health England and call parents of children identified as being in close contact with the positive case. Any identified children will have to self-isolate until Saturday 2nd January.

I sincerely hope that you will not hear from me as I know that we all want to have the best Christmas we can with our families.



Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 16th December FUBS have kindly bought every child in school a Christmas cracker to have with their lunch, and children can bring in **Christmas hats** or their reindeer antlers from the Reindeer Run to wear. Each super bubble has an allocated time to eat their Christmas Dinner or packed lunch to enable us to clean between each sitting.



Keeping us all safe

- Make sure children arrive at school in their time slot:
 - Y3/4 and Y5/6: 8:40 – 8:50;
 - Reception children and Y1/2: 8:50 – 9:00.
- Children stay with their adults if having to wait to come in or for a sibling to be picked up
- Maintain social distancing – families should be at least a metre apart
- Once you have dropped your children off or picked them up, please leave the school site to enable other families to keep socially distanced
- Face coverings to be worn by adults where possible

We really appreciate your support and help with keeping all of our children and families safe.

Reindeer Run Thank you to all the families who sponsored their children to do the Reindeer Run. If you haven't yet managed to hand in the sponsor envelope and sponsorship money collected, could you kindly do so by **Monday 14th December** so we can get it to Chestnut Tree House before the end of term. It is once again looking like the children have done an amazing job in raising money for this very worthwhile cause.



Children Starting School in September 2021 Applications can be made via www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions and the deadline for applications is **Friday 15th January 2021**. 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.

FUBS Christmas Online Raffle - ENDS 15th DECEMBER FUBS would like to thank everyone who has donated fantastic prizes for the raffle this year – you can see some of them below. The raffle is open – please use the following link to purchase your tickets – good luck everyone!

<https://raffal.com/150809/enter-raffle-to-win-fubs-christmas-fundraiser-hosted-by-friends-of-upper-beeding-primary-school>



and many more....

Friday 18th 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 staggered pick up times.

SPRING TERM – Our first day back after the Christmas break is Monday 4th January 2020.



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 2020

Fri 11th Dec
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 Mon 14th Dec
 Wed 16th Dec
 Thu 17th Dec
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 Fri 18th Dec
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Wear Your Christmas Jumper to School Day - £1 donation
 Christmas Carolling Afternoon
 Special Christmas Visitor
 Christmas Lunch – Wear a Christmas Hat
 Reception End of Term Christmas Celebration Afternoon
 Years 1/2 End of Term Christmas Films Afternoon
 Years 3/4 End of Term Christmas Films Afternoon
 Years 5/6 End of Term Christmas Films Afternoon
Last Day of Autumn Term
 Christmas Compilation Celebratory Videos



Dates for Spring Term 2021

Mon 4th Jan
Mon 15th Feb – Fri 19th Feb
Mon 22nd Feb - Fri 26th Feb
Fri 26th Feb – Wed 3rd Mar
Wed 3rd Mar
Thu 4th Mar
Thu 4th Mar
Fri 19th Mar
Thu 1st Apr

First Day of Spring Term
Half Term Week
Focus Week – Shakespeare Week
Travelling Book Fair
Parent Teacher Consultations
Parent Teacher Consultations
World Book Day
Red Nose Day
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

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

Academic Year 2020 to 2021

Term	Dates
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

