



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Friday 1st April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

The last few weeks with all the children back in school have flown by! It has been wonderful to see them all and hear their laughter once more. We are very proud of how well they have settled back into school routines and engaged with all we have asked of them. On Monday, our Y5/6 children travelled back in time and experienced life in a Victorian school – they had a wonderful day!

Democracy Award

We were delighted to receive an engraved glass plaque in recognition of our children's participation with the West Sussex Youth Cabinet and UK Youth Parliament last year. Well done everyone and thank you Mr Jones for organising.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - "Track and Trace" – Easter Break

We really hope that all families can keep safe and well over the coming Easter break, but **should your child who has been attending school develop Covid-19 symptoms on either Friday 2nd or Saturday 3rd April and subsequently tests positive**, would you please notify the school immediately on the office email address office@upperbeeding.w-sussex.sch.uk.

In the unfortunate event of us receiving notification that a child in school has tested positive within this timescale, a member of staff will contact parents of any children identified as being in close contact with the positive case. Any such children will have to self-isolate for 10 days after the last day of contact with the positive case.

We will be monitoring the office emails up until **midday on Wednesday 7th April**.

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

The newly updated government guidelines with the 'rule of six' marks the start of our country's slow recovery from COVID-19, providing a much-needed chance to meet and reconnect with friends, family and loved ones outside, following our time apart.

COVID-19 LFD Home Testing Kits

Just a gentle reminder that **these test kits are not designed to be used by primary-age children**. Please refer to the guidance letter sent out to all parents on 25th March from West Sussex Director of Public Health regarding these and [Government Guidance](#).



FUBS Bag2School Collection – Thursday 22nd April The next collection is just after the Easter holidays so is a good chance to clear out those cupboards and drawers ready for the summer! Please bring your donations (see list below) into school by **9:15am on 22nd April** – 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 in advance of the collection day due to current guidelines/restrictions and lack of storage space.



Acceptable items are: Men's, 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.



Easter Holiday Activities Are you looking for somewhere to take children during the Easter school holidays? As part of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) in West Sussex this Easter, WSCC Education & Skills have partnered with our fabulous Library Service to present a new and EGG-citing blend of virtual and face to face opportunities. Families can find stories and activities each Tuesday and Thursday of the Easter holidays online or via the Family Corner

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3671718136231995/> There are competitions and challenges based on some of our favourite stories about food and growing, as well as 'science in your kitchen' experiments to try at home. There are also some exciting recipes from our friends at UK Harvest.

For anyone not online, everything is available to collect in a bag from the door of your local library: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/find-my-nearest/library/> If you make a trip to the library, you will find that all 36 West Sussex libraries are offering a Staff Select service: <https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/web/arena/staff-select> Just fill in the online form or phone ahead to specify what you would like to read, and the library will do the rest, including letting you know when everything is available for you to collect from the door. Joining the library is free for everyone - adults and children. Join online to access a huge range of e-books and magazines: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/join-the-library/>

**As today is the last day of school, all PE Kits and school bags will be coming home.
We return to school on Monday 19th April.**

We would like to wish you all a lovely Easter break.

Please stay safe and keep well.

Best wishes

Becky Linfood
Head Teacher



Dates for Spring Term 2021

Thu 1st Apr

Last Day of Spring Term





Dates for Summer Term 2021

Mon 19th Apr
Thu 22nd Apr
Mon 26th Apr
Wed 28th Apr
Mon 3rd May
Wed 5th May
Mon 17th May
Mon 24th May – Fri 28th May
Mon 31st May – Fri 4th Jun
Tue 8th Jun
Wed 9th Jun
Fri 11th Jun
Mon 21st Jun – Fri 25th Jun
Mon 28th Jun
Thu 1st Jul
Thu 8th Jul
Fri 9th Jul
Wed 14th Jul
Wed 14th Jul
Thu 15th Jul
Wed 21st Jul

First Day of Summer Term
9:15 FUBS Bag2School Collection
KS1 Punch and Judy
Class Photographs
Bank Holiday – School Closed
KS1 WOW! Day - Pirates & Jolly Roger Show
KS1 Sandies Day & Author Cathy Watts
Walk to School Week
Half Term Week
Iceland and Italy Visit to Adur Outdoor Activities Centre
Morocco and USA Visit to Adur Outdoor Activities Centre
Year 6 National Child Measurement Program
Focus Week – The Arts
KS1 Visit to Brighton and Hove
Sports Day (TBC)
Fall-back Sports Day (TBC)
INSET Day – School Closed
Transition Morning (TBC)
Annual Reports to Parents
Welcome Meetings (TBC)
Last Day of Summer Term

Academic Year 2020 to 2021

Term	Dates
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: Wednesday 21 July Bank Holidays: Monday 3 May and Monday 31 May INSET Days: Friday 9 July, Thursday 22 July, Friday 23 July



