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Dear parents/ carers,

We are well into the Summer term now, even if the weather is not meeting our expectations quite yet. This term is always a busy one because there is still plenty to do in terms of achieving our goals this academic year, mixed with the ongoing preparations behind the scenes to ensure a strong start to the 2024-25 academic year. With this in mind, it gives me great pleasure to announce some recent appointments to the IKB staff team: Mrs Laura White successfully interviewed for the role of Deputy Headteacher and will join Mr Andrew Wootton in leading IKB from September. Mr Jordan Richards will be one of our two Reception teachers in September and Mrs Melissa White will be joining the IKB office team after half term. We are thrilled to further strengthen the IKB team, particularly with the school experiencing significant growth over the coming years as we open two Reception classes each academic year to cater to the growing demand for school places.

Transition is another important area that we focus on for every child, whether moving between year groups or key stages, or arriving at Orchard Grove or IKB for the first time. We want all families to be reassured and confident that our staff have bespoke transition plans in place to ensure that every child is prepared for the next stage in their school journey. When considering transitions, we look at children academically, developmentally, and emotionally and involve families every step of the way. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all families joining our Orchard Grove and IKB communities for the first time over the coming months, either joining from our nursery setting or external settings. Our teams are already in contact with these settings to ensure the smoothest and strongest transitions possible. At both Orchard Grove and IKB our foundations are built on the core values of Every Child Belonging, Every Child Participating and Every Child Achieving, and we hope that you feel that you are experiencing this from the outset.

Our IKB and Orchard Grove

Attributes:

We are POSITIVE

We are ENGAGED

We are RESPONSIBLE

We are RESPECTFUL

We are RESILIENT

We RISE TO CHALLENGES



**'Every Child Belongs'
 'Every Child Participates'
 'Every Child Achieves'
 At IKB and Orchard Grove**



**Reading At Home:
 Reading with your child or
 listening to them read for 5-10
 minutes per day can drastically
 improve their educational
 achievements, their creativity
 and their life chances.**

**Please talk to your children
 about the books they enjoy:
 the titles, the authors and
 what it is about those texts
 they enjoy the most e.g.
 description, rhyming, etc.**

**** DATES FOR THE DIARY****

Term 5 2023-24	
Thursday 9 th May	National Archives Great Fire of London online workshop for Year 2.
Week of 13 th May	IKB Bright Sparks 'Wonderful Week' for parents/ carers to join their child in nursery for 30 minutes after dropping off to learn alongside their child.
Week of 20 th May	National Walk (scoot, cycle, roller blade, skate board, run, hop...) to School week.
Week of 20 th May	Sex and Relationship curriculum letters going home ahead of information sessions in Term 6.

Wednesday 22 nd May	IKB and Orchard Grove Reception classes multi-skills festival at Court Fields
Wednesday 22 nd May	National Numeracy day.
Wednesday 22 nd May	Term 6 knowledge organisers and class newsletters going home to all parents/ carers.
Friday 24 th May	Last day of Term 5.
Week of 27 th May	IKB Bright Sparks open.
Term 6 2023-24	
Monday 3 rd June	Term 6 begins for all children with WOW days to launch new topics.
Monday 3 rd June	Year 3 Sex and Relationship parent/ carer information session @ 14:45.
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 2 Sex and Relationship parent/ carer information session @ 14:45.
Wednesday 5 th June	Reception (IKB + Orchard Grove) Sex and Relationship parent/ carer information session @ 14:45.
Thursday 6 th June	Year 3 Lyme Regis museum trip – more information to follow.
Thursday 6 th June	Year 1 Sex and Relationship parent/ carer information session @ 14:45.
6 th and 7 th June	Incoming IKB Headteacher Mr Andrew Wootton will be spending two days at IKB. At 14:40 on Friday 7 th June all IKB parents/ carers are invited to a 'Meet the Headteacher' session.
Friday 7 th June	All children and staff can wear green or blue clothing in support of World Ocean Day on 8/6/86.
Friday 7 th June	NSPCC Childhood Day. We will focus learning on the importance of play to every childhood and we will be providing plenty of opportunities for children to experience this throughout the day.
Week of 10 th June	British Healthy Eating Week.
Week of 10 th June	My Money Week.
Tuesday 11 th June	Year 2 and Year 3 Wellington farm visits.
Friday 14 th June	Orchard Grove Reception Wellington farm visit.
Week of 17 th June	Drowning Prevention Week.
Monday 17 th June	NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' focus day.
Tuesday 18 th June	IKB Reception and Year 1 Wellington farm visits.
Tuesday 18 th June	Orchard Grove new Reception parent/ carer open evening from 17:00 – 18:00.
Thursday 20 th June	IKB and Orchard Grove teddy bear transition picnic for Nursery and Reception children from 14:00 – 15:00. More information to follow.
Week of 24 th June	IKB and Court Fields art project week.
Week of 24 th June	'Moving on' focus week for all Orchard Grove + IKB children.
Tuesday 25 th June	IKB new Reception parent/ carer open evening from 17:00 – 18:00.
Wednesday 26 th June	Sports day for IKB and Orchard Grove. Reception and Year 1 from 9:00; Year 2 and Year 3 from 13:15.
Thursday 27 th June	INSET day. Orchard Grove, IKB and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Friday 28 th June	INSET day. Orchard Grove, IKB and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Week of 1 st July	'Changes next year will bring' focus week for all Orchard Grove + IKB children.
Wednesday 3 rd July	Moving Up transition day. Children will spend the mornings in their new classes for next year. The afternoon we welcome parents/ carers for a community event, inclusive of our Summer performance. More information to follow.
Thursday 4 th July	Year 1 1940s sleepover at IKB after school. More information to follow.
Thursday 4 th July	Year 3 attending the Court Fields singing festival after school. More information to follow.
Friday 5 th July	Non-school uniform day for children and staff who wish to donate to the Summer fair tombola.
Saturday 6 th July	IKB and Orchard Grove Summer fair from 10:00 – 14:00.
Monday 15 th July	End of year reports going home to parents/ carers, inclusive of class newsletters and knowledge organisers for the new academic year.
Thursday 18 th July	IKB Bright Sparks graduation ceremony at 9:15.
Monday 22 nd July	The IKB and Orchard Grove annual water fights!
Tuesday 23 rd July	Class parties for IKB and Orchard Grove during the afternoon. Last day of school for children.
Wednesday 24 th July	INSET day. Orchard Grove, IKB and IKB Bright Sparks closed.

Fingers crossed that the sunshine is on its way to accompany our action-packed transition calendar. As always, thank you for your continued trust and support.

Mr Healey, IKB and Orchard Grove Headteacher