

Friday 9th June 2023

Dear parents/ carers,

We are now into the final term of the academic year and we are so excited with the combination of fantastic learning and sunshine that has graced IKB this week. We are hoping that both will last the next 6 weeks, but even if the sunshine doesn't we can guarantee you that the learning opportunities for your children will. A reminder that all class knowledge organisers and class newsletters can be found on our IKB website:

<https://www.ikbschool.co.uk/parents/reception-class.htm> - Reception

<https://www.ikbschool.co.uk/parents/year-1.htm> - Year 1

<https://www.ikbschool.co.uk/parents/year-2.htm> - Year 2



Reception class have been very excited this week as they began witnessing the life cycle of caterpillars turning into butterflies.

Lock down and fire drills

This week we had a lockdown drill, during which all staff and children followed their learned instructions to make the school building completely secure and with everyone out of site. It was our best lockdown drill to date. The children and staff demonstrated all their learning to keep themselves and others safe. Afterwards it was explained to all children that it was a drill and they were praised for their efforts. Please talk to your children at home about the lockdown and fire drills that they complete regularly at IKB to help them embed their knowledge so that they are fully prepared should we need to do one for real. Safeguarding will always be our #1 priority at IKB.

Summer Reading Challenge

It's that time of year again and we are so excited to be promoting another Summer Reading Challenge to help fill your child's Summer with adventure, vocabulary and intrigue. Due to renovations at Wellington library currently, this year we are welcoming library representatives to IKB on 5th July to deliver a reading themed assembly and share information of the challenge.

New starters for 2023-24

In preparation for the 2023-24 academic year we have been busy appointing highly skilled and committed staff for both IKB and Orchard Grove as we look forward to working closely together moving forwards. Having started our journey in a similar situation, opening at a site that was not our own, we are thrilled that we can help support the birth and growth of our fabulous new sister school. We will be sharing more information about our new staff with you soon, including opportunities to meet them, however for now here they are:

Mrs Laura White – Year 3 class teacher at IKB

Mrs Hannah Burgess – Part-time cover teacher (for other teacher planning time) and part-time Reception teacher at IKB

Miss Charley Woodley – Reception class teacher at Orchard Grove

Mrs Dawn Hollings-Tennant - Part-time Reception teaching assistant at Orchard Grove

Miss Sophie Lewis – Part-time Reception teaching assistant at Orchard Grove

Summer sun

With temperatures rising and the sunshine out most days at present, it is even more important for us all to remember our sun safety information. I have attached information that we have shared with children during a recent assembly. Please revisit this information with your child/ren and support the school by ensuring that all children attend with a sun hat, sun cream, water bottle and sun glasses. Thank you!



Be SMART!

Spending too much time in the sun can be harmful.

We should all follow a special code which reminds us how to enjoy the sun whilst staying safe.

There are five parts to remember...

- S**pend time in the shade between 11am and 3pm.
- M**ake sure you never burn.
- A**im to cover up with a hat, t-shirt and sunglasses
- R**emember children need to take extra care and hydrate.
- T**hen use sunscreen of a minimum of SPF 30.

Achieve · Belong · Participate

Our IKB Attributes:
We are POSITIVE
We are ENGAGED
We are RESPONSIBLE
We are RESPECTFUL
We are RESILIENT
We RISE TO CHALLENGES



Thank you to those parents/ carers who attended our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) sessions for all year groups this week. For those who could not attend, we have sent information packs to all families via Parent Mail.

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 6 2022-23	
Week of 12 th June	British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating week.
Week of 12 th June	My Money week – for young people to gain the skills, knowledge and confidence in money matters to enable them to thrive in society.
Thursday 15 th June	Information evening from 14:45 for Y1 parents/ carers regarding the 1940s sleepover.
Friday 16 th June	'Fabulous Friday' in Year 1 at 14:45.
Friday 16 th June	Information evening from 14:45 for Y2 parents/ carers regarding the overnight residential.
Monday 19 th June	IKB New Reception Starter (2023-24) parent/ carer evening from 17:00 – 18:30.
Wednesday 21 st June	Teddy bears transition picnic for IKB Bright Sparks children and Reception children.
Wednesday 21 June	Orchard Grove New Reception Starter (2023-24) parent/ carer evening from 17:00 – 18:30.
Thurs/ Fri 22 nd / 23 rd June	INSET days – IKB School and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Mon/ Tues 26 th / 27 th June	IKB Art project with Court Fields School.
Thursday 29 th June	Sports Day! (Year 1 + Year 2 in the morning; Reception in the afternoon) – more info to follow.
Thursday 29 th June	Year 1,2 + 3 information packs sent to parents/ carers ready for Moving Up transition days.
Thursday 29 th June	Year 2 overnight residential at Court Fields.
Friday 30 th June	'Fabulous Friday' in Reception at 14:45.
Saturday 1 st July	IKBFC Summer Fair! If you would like to volunteer to support please get in touch.
Wednesday 5 th July	Wellington library are at IKB to launch the Summer reading challenge – more info to follow.
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 3 Moving Up afternoon (inclusive of parent meeting with new teacher) – more info to follow.
Thursday 6 th July	Reception, Year 1 + Year 2 Moving Up morning – more info to follow.
Thursday 6 th July	Reception, Year 1 + Year 2 parent/ carer meetings with new teachers followed by IKB community picnic (Year 3 2023-24 parents also invited) – more info to follow.
Thursday 6 th July	Year 1 1940s sleepover.
Thursday 13 th July	Nynehead care home residents at IKB to read with our children.
Monday 17 th July	End of year pupil reports going home to parents/ carers with knowledge organisers and class newsletters for September.
Tuesday 18 th July	IKB annual water fight.
Thursday 20 th July	End of year class parties.
Friday 21 st July	Last day of Term 6 and the end of the academic year.

A busy term ahead of us with so many opportunities to celebrate the achievements of all children across all areas of the curriculum. Thank you, as always, for your continued trust and support.

Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher.