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Dear parents/ carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas as we move into the month of December tomorrow, and we are marking the occasion after school with our very own IKBFC Christmas Fair. It won't be a silent night (afternoon), as opening the fair are our Year 3 IKB originals. They will be launching into song at 15:20 in the school hall with a rendition of Christmas carols that we all know and love. With festive spirits high the fair will then be announced open, and all visitors will be able to move around the different IKB and Orchard Grove stalls at their leisure. Remember that all money spent at our Winter wonderland will go back into the educational opportunities for our children – definitely worth every penny! A huge thank you in advance to our IKBFC team for organising and putting on what I know will be a tremendous event. There is always a vast amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to bring these events to life and we are greatly appreciative of the work of all our volunteers. I cannot wait to see as many of you in attendance as possible as we look to make it an even bigger event than last Christmas!



### Langford Lakes

A special thank you to Langford Lakes Christmas Tree Farm who have made it possible again this year for all our children to enjoy rockin' around the Christmas tree. They have outdone themselves again by providing us with an even bigger tree that the children will enjoy decorating. The staff have been busy readying the top of the tree and now it is ready for children across all classes to have a go at adding their own personal touches to the section they can reach. Make sure you take a look before the Christmas holidays!

### Jingle Bells, All The Way

Congratulations to our Year 2 cohort at IKB, who were the talk of the town on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November with their performance on stage in front of hundreds of local revellers. The Wellington Christmas Lights Switch On is a big event in the local calendar and it seems to grow in popularity every year. A priority of our schools is to ensure that they are schools for their communities and this provided another opportunity for our children to demonstrate this ethos. Well done Year 2 and thank you to all staff and families who gave up their time to rehearse and support the children.



## 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\*\***

<b>Term 2 2023-24</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	IKBFC Xmas Fair from 15:15 – children can wear non-uniform to school during the day if they bring a donation for the tombola stall.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity dress rehearsals for both Reception classes – please have costumes in school.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas performance dress rehearsals for Year 1 + 2 – please have costumes in school.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas jumper day and Xmas dinner day.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Bright Sparks Xmas performance @ 9:15.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	IKB Reception nativity performance @ either 9:00 or 14:30.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	IKB Year 1 + 2 Xmas performance @ either 9:00 or 14:00.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 multi-skills sports at Court Fields.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Orchard Grove Reception nativity performance @ 14:30.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	IKBFC Xmas raffle draw in the school hall @ 15:30.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Taki Morris pantomime trip.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Class parties during the afternoon. Please see class teachers for food donation lists.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2.
Week of 18 <sup>th</sup> December	IKB Bright Sparks open.
Week of 25 <sup>th</sup> December	IKB Bright Sparks closed.
<b>Term 3 2023-24</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET day. IKB school, Orchard Grove school and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Term 3 begins with WOW days to launch new topics.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Both Reception classes can now join in with after school clubs available to them.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	'Brew Monday' on 'Blue Monday'. Please join us for coffee, cake and chat from 8:45 – 10:00.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Closing date for September 2024 Reception admission applications (both IKB and Orchard Grove).
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent/ carer reading workshops with Miss Fahy and Miss Woodley @ 8:50 and 14:45.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Sport For School athlete visit – more information to follow.
27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> January	The Big Garden Bird Watch weekend.
Week of 29 <sup>th</sup> January	National Storytelling week.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Fabulous Friday for all year groups from 8:45 – 9:10. Parents/ carers to join if they wish.

When the time comes, have yourself a merry little Christmas and keep your fingers crossed for a white Christmas too. Thank you, as always, for your continued trust and support. Over the holidays, remember that learning doesn't just happen in the classroom. Seize every opportunity for learning that you come across, particularly outdoors, and please keep your children reading as much as possible during the time off – it really is the gateway to all learning! Have a merry Christmas because it's the most wonderful time of the year. Ho Ho Ho!

Mr Healey, IKB and Orchard Grove Headteacher