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Dear parents/ carers,

Today marks halfway through another academic year which has seen so many great opportunities for learning and experiences for our children. We can assure you that during the remainder of the academic year there will be plenty more to come.

British Science Week

This year, British Science Week is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Joining the national celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, children at IKB & Orchard Grove will be taking part in 'tri-science': 3 days of scientific enquiry and exploration. This year, the theme is 'Time' and each class will be thinking scientifically through activities targeted to their specific age groups. Perhaps you could create your own timeline of technology at home. What did mobile phones look like when the first Science Week was celebrated in 1994 compared to modern day? What about gaming consoles or computers?

Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March we will once again be asking the children to wear their brightest, boldest, REDDEST outfits in support of Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. In addition, Year 3 will be hosting a fundraising bake sale. Children in Year 3 are encouraged to bring a selection of cakes and biscuits to sell to families at the end of the school day. We ask that any baked goods are brought into school on the morning of Friday 15th in a named container with a clear list of ingredients provided. After school, families will be welcome to purchase a cake (or two) from the school hall. Children in WAC that wish to purchase cakes will need to bring cash into school in a named envelope. For more information, please see Mrs White in Year 3.

World Book Day - Heroes & Villains

Always a highlight of the school year, World Book Day 2024 is sure to be another fantastic day. On Thursday 7th March, children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite character from a book of their choice. This year, we will theme the day's activities around Heroes & Villains. Teachers are already busy planning a range of exciting activities plus we are lucky enough to be hosting professional actor, musician and script-writer Kathryn Tripp for a drama workshop filled with adventure.

Four Seasons, A Family Theatre Show

Following the theatrical theme, please see below information about a theatre production coming soon to Wiveliscombe.

Four Seasons: A theatrical love letter to nature for children and their families.

We begin in Winter, where frost crunches underfoot, icy winds blow, and snow is softly falling all around. Much of nature seems to be asleep. But somewhere, preparations for something truly wonderful are underway. Join our intrepid team of magical gardeners as they tend to the marvellous menagerie of flora and fauna at every stage of nature's miraculous journey.

Expect enchanting and innovative theatre featuring puppetry, dance and clowning fun – everything we've come to expect from Olivier Award-winning Little Bulb (Hibernation, CBEEBIES' The Nutcracker).

Sat. 9th March (1.30pm & 4pm)

Sun 10th March (10.30am & 1.30pm)

If you are interested then find tickets here: <https://www.wegotickets.com/f/13334>

Blackdown Education Partnership Fitness And Fundraising January

Our BEP community had a plan to get fit together! Since 1st January 2024, every member of our Trust community: children, staff, parents/ carers, governors and other family members have joined in. As schools across the Trust, we have hiked, run, cycled, danced and generally exercised for charities supported by our individual schools. Well done everyone linked to IKB and Orchard Grove who helped us to raise £2432.11 and £412.50 respectively, to go towards our PE and sport curriculum! An incredible achievement. A special mention to Lizzy and Freddie who earned the highest sponsorship amounts in each school too!

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 3 2023-24	
Friday 9 th February	Last day of Term 3.
Week of 12 th February	IKB Bright Sparks open as normal.
Term 4 2023-24	
Monday 19 th February	Term 4 begins for all children with WOW days to launch new topics.
Week of 4 th March	Wonderful week in IKB Bright Sparks for parents/ carers to spend time learning alongside their children.
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day (see further information above).
Thursday 7 th March	Year 2 overnight Court Fields camp information session for parents @ 14:45.
Friday 8 th March	The launch of the annual IKB/ Orchard Grove Easter Bonnet Showcase (information to follow).
Week of 11 th March	British Science Week and IKB/ Orchard Grove Tri-Science Week (see further information above).
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day (see further information above).
Friday 22 nd March	Year 1 trip to Wildwood (information to follow).
Monday 25 th March	Nick the bug man in to visit both IKB and Orchard Grove Reception classes.
Monday 25 th March	Governor Bob Pamplin in for the Easter Show for all children.
Monday 25 th March	Parent/ Carer evening #1.
Tuesday 26 th March	Parent/ Carer evening #2.
Wednesday 27 th March	Term 5 class newsletters and knowledge organisers going home to parents/ carers.
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 2 overnight Court Fields camp.
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of Term 4.
Thursday 28 th March	Parent/ Carer maths workshops with Miss Fahy @ 8:50 and 14:45.
Thursday 28 th March	The annual IKB/ Orchard Grove Easter Bonnet Showcase.
Thursday 28 th March	IKBFC Easter disco after school (information to follow).
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday bank holiday – IKB, Orchard Grove and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Week of 1 st April	IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Week of 8 th April	IKB Bright Sparks open as normal.

I would like to sign off this newsletter with a special shout out to our current Year 3 class. Forever to be known as our 'IKB originals', they were the cohort that we opened the school with in September 2020. We were on a different site and in the midst of an international pandemic and since then we have built our school together. Today marks exactly halfway through their primary school journey. 3.5 years in, 3.5 years to go. I could not be more proud of their achievements to date, but more so the incredible young people they have all become. I hope you enjoy the second half of school life as much as you have enjoyed the first.

I wish everyone a fun, restful and safe half term. As always, thank you for your continued trust and support.

Mr Healey, IKB and Orchard Grove Headteacher