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Dear parents/ carers,

We are closing in on the end of another academic year. A 4th for IKB and a 1st for Orchard Grove! As schools we are busy ensuring that we finish this year strongly, whilst also guaranteeing that everything is prepared for smooth and strong September transitions. It gives me great pleasure to share with you all our staff teams for the upcoming 2024-25 academic year for both IKB and Orchard Grove Primary Schools:

IKB

Headteacher – Mr Andrew Wootton

Reception team – Miss Kathryn Aldridge (Reception and Year 1 Phase Leader) and Mr Jordan Richards, supported by Miss Deb Foreman, Miss Caroline Allen, Miss Sam Pearce and Mrs Carole Taylor

Year 1 team – Miss Gemma Shire, supported by Miss Liz Harvey

Year 2 team – Mrs Helen Hitchin (Year 2, 3 and 4 Phase Leader), supported by Miss Deb Harvey

Year 3 team – Mrs Laura White (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Emma Giles, supported by Mrs Emma Evans and Miss Emily Buttle

Year 4 team – Mr Kieran Park, supported by Miss Caroline Allen

Intervention teaching assistant – Mrs Zeina Zheiri

Cover teachers – Mrs Genevieve McLaughlin and Mrs Emma Giles

IKB Bright Sparks Nursery team – Mrs Caz Herrod (Nursery Manager), Miss Lucy Bridgeman, Miss Mikayla Fitzjohn, Mrs Sarah Hedger, Miss Lauren Schofield, Mrs Alicia Clark, Mrs Alison Newstead, Miss Emma Corbett, Mrs Rebecca Hewlett and Miss Evie Taylor

Special Education Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo) – Miss Claire Marney

Office team – Mrs Victoria Hawkins (School Business Manager), Miss Kate McEntee and Mrs Missy White

Lunch time team – Mrs Clare Hobbs, Mrs Lauren Fensome, Mrs Hilary Copp, Miss Sam Pearce, Miss Lydia Tracey and Mrs Natalie Groves

Wrap Around Care (WAC) – Miss Lydia Tracey, Miss Honour Hughes and Mr Jamie White

Cleaners – Mrs Natalie Groves, Miss Amber Fogarty and Mrs Amy Hall

Caretaker – Mr Richard Butt

Orchard Grove

Headteacher – Mr Richard Healey

Reception team – Miss Charley Woodley, supported by Miss Sophie Lewis and Mrs Dawn Hollings-Tennant

Year 1 team – Miss Laura Clydesdale, supported by Miss Christina Hardwick

Cover teacher – Mrs Genevieve McLaughlin

Orchard Grove Pioneers team – Miss Rosie Crean (Nursery Manager), with practitioners TBC

Special Education Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo) – Miss Claire Marney

Office team – Miss Clare Strange (School Business Manager)

Lunch time team - TBC

Caretaker – Mr Richard Butt

I can confirm that there is great excitement amongst both sets of school staff ahead of the changes taking place next academic year. Whether it is moving to a new site completely, welcoming new team members across all areas or just the fact that both schools are again growing in size, we believe that there is plenty to be looking forward to in the 2024-25 academic year. We are looking forward to sharing more information about this with you over the coming weeks. If you do have any questions or worries surrounding the transition of your child to their next year group, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

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 6 2023-24	
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.
Week of 24 th June	IKB 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; Years 2 and 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 and meeting new teacher sessions. 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.
Wednesday 10 th July	NSPCC 'Listen Up, Speak Up' parent/ carer workshop at 8:50 – we highly recommend that all parents/ carers attend this where possible.
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! Please pack spare clothes for your child.
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.

As you can see above, there is plenty more knowledge, skills, excitement and opportunity to come for our children over the remaining five and a half weeks of the academic year. Where possible we would like as many of you to be involved as you can be. Whether your engagement is linked to sport, the arts, workshops or the Summer fair, I would like to share on behalf of all IKB and Orchard Grove staff just how much we appreciate your involvement, trust and support. It has been a memorable academic year to date with so much progress being seen from the children across all areas of the curriculum and we are looking forward to finishing strongly before we break for the Summer holidays. Thank you.

Mr Healey, IKB and Orchard Grove Headteacher