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Friday 20th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year. New year, same IKB. We have been thrilled with the energy, enthusiasm and engagement of all our children upon our return from the Christmas break and we are excited by the continued progress they are making in all areas of the curriculum. We really appreciate the support our parents and carers are providing to help embed this attitude towards school as we know that for a school to be successful the triangulation between school, children and families is so important. We are looking forward to growing this even further over the coming weeks and months as we head further into 2023.

'Every Child a Reader'

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers at Miss Fahy's reading workshops this week. 'Every Child a Reader' remains a top priority for both our school and our Trust because the benefits reading has in all areas of the curriculum and in life are huge. As a school we seize every opportunity to hear children read as a whole class, in small groups and on a 1:1 level. You can support your child best at home by listening to them read or reading with them for 10 minutes

each day. Many parents tell us that a great time for this is in the evenings to settle them before bed and research shows that children who read for 10 minutes daily are exposed to 20,000 more words by the age of 7 than children who do not – that is an incredible head start in life that children who read regularly have!



Paralympic Athlete Visit

Next week, on Tuesday 24th January, we are excited to be welcoming Paralympic swimmer Rachael Latham to IKB to meet and talk to our children about overcoming barriers to achieve our goals and our IKB Attribute of 'We are resilient'. She will then be leading our children in a fitness workout and explaining all the health and social benefits that come along with being active.



Brew Monday Follow Up

It was great to see those of you who joined us for our 'Brew Monday' this week on 'Blue Monday', widely known as the most depressing day of the year. The morning was filled with warmth and conversation and we hope that it provided some much needed positivity during these dark, wet days at present. Looking after your mental health is as important as looking after your physical health so we wanted to follow up with some links to further information to help support our community in this area:

Action for Happiness - <https://actionforhappiness.org/>

Mind Somerset - <https://www.mindsomerset.org.uk/our-services/open-mental-health/>

Somerset County Council Mental Health - <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>

Cosmic Yoga (yoga for children and their adults together) - <https://www.youtube.com/user/cosmickidsyoga>



Booking School Lunches

A gentle reminder than when booking school lunches, they must be completed by 10:00 on Tuesday of the week prior as orders are placed a week in advance. Thank you for your support with this.

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



**Our IKB and Castle Partnership
Trust Values:**

Every Child Belongs
Every Child Participates
Every Child Achieves



**TO BE A
FLUENT READER,
WE NEED TO:**

1. Pay attention to the punctuation.
2. Read at a natural speed (not too fast and not too slow).
3. Read carefully (not missing out words or adding words).
4. Read with expression so that it sounds interesting and makes sense.

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

Term 3 2022-23	
Tuesday 24 th January	Sport for School visit from Paralympic swimmer, Rachael Latham (see above).
Sat/ Sun 28 th / 29 th January	Big Garden Bird Watch weekend.
Week of 30 th January	National Storytelling Week.
Friday 3 rd February	'Fabulous Friday' in Year 2 from 8:45 – 9:10.
Week of 6 th February	Safer Internet Week and Children's Mental Health Week.
Wednesday 8 th February	Term 4 class newsletters and knowledge organisers going home to all parents/ carers.
Wednesday 8 th February	Mr Healey's Internet safety workshop for parents/ carers at 17:30 (replacing the meeting at the same time on Thursday 9 th February – apologies for any inconvenience caused).
Thursday 9 th February	Mr Healey's Internet safety workshops for parents/ carers at 8:50 and 14:40.
Thursday 9 th February	Year 1 multi skills sports trip to Court Fields School – please ensure PE kits are in school.
Friday 10 th February	Last day of Term 3.
Week of 13 th February	IKB Bright Sparks open as usual.
Term 4 2022-23	
Monday 20 th February	INSET Day – IKB School and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Tuesday 21 st February	Term 4 begins for IKB school and IKB Bright Sparks.
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book day. All children to dress as their favourite book characters if they wish to.
Friday 3 rd March	'Fabulous Friday' in Reception from 8:45 – 9:10.
Friday 10 th March	Launching our Easter bonnet showcase – more information to follow.
Week of 13 th March	British Science week and IKB Tri-Science week – more information to follow.
Tuesday 14 th March	Class photo day.
Thursday 16 th March	Year 1 visiting Carrymoor for their 'Wild Day Out' – more information to follow.
Friday 17 th March	'Fabulous Friday' in Year 1 from 8:45 – 9:10.
Tuesday 21 st March	Parent/ Carer evening #1.
Wednesday 22 nd March	Parent/ Carer evening #2.
Monday 27 th March	Nick the bug man visiting Reception class linked to their Jungles topic.
Wednesday 29 th March	Term 5 class newsletters and knowledge organisers going home to all parents/ carers.
Wednesday 29 th March	Miss Fahy's maths workshops for parents/ carers at 8:50 and 14:40.
Thursday 30 th March	Last day of Term 4.
Friday 31 st March	INSET day. Both IKB and IKB Bright Sparks closed.

Thank you for your continued Trust and support.

Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher