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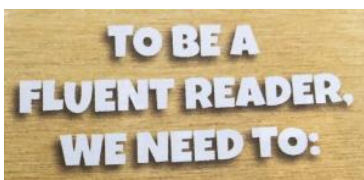
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you about how we will be teaming up with one of our governors next half-term to put on a reading workshop for all parents and carers, right through from our Bright Sparks Nursery to our oldest Year 2 cohort. Aaron Warren is a parent governor at IKB and has an educational background as well as a huge passion for reading, particularly when it comes to children developing and life-long love of reading for pleasure. We would like to invite all parents and carers to attend IKB on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November for the following opportunities:

14:25 – 14:45 – visiting your child’s classroom to take part in reading themed activities alongside your children

14:50 – 15:10 – joining myself and Aaron for a reading workshop, inclusive of top tips, for how you and your children can become fluent readers



We are thrilled to get someone of Aaron’s skill set in to work with all our families to ensure that we are doing everything we can to achieve one of our top school and Trust priorities of ‘Every Child a Reader’. We hope to see as many of you there as possible, both in the classrooms and attending the workshop.

Other upcoming workshops include:

16/11/22 – Miss Fahy’s Phonics Teaching Workshop @ 8:50 + 14:40 (open to all parents/ carers)

18/1/23 – Miss Fahy’s Reading Workshop @ 8:50 + 14:40 (open to all parents/ carers)

9/2/23 – Mr Healey’s Safer Internet Workshop @ 8:50, 14:40 + 17:30 (open to all parents/ carers)

29/3/23 – Miss Fahy’s Maths Workshop @ 8:50 + 14:40 (open to all parents/ carers)

2/5/23 – Miss Aldridge’s Writing Workshop @8:50 + 14:40 (open to all parents/ carers)

**A SPOOOOOOOOOOY end to a fantastic half-term:**

Today saw IKB taken over by ghosts, ghouls, skeletons, witches, vampires and even an Incredible Hulk or two! We know that days like these wouldn’t happen without the buy-in from parents, carers and staff, so I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved for making today as equally fun as it was educational. My highlight was visiting a maths lesson where Dracula was incredibly good at counting!



I hope that everyone attending the IKB Friends and Community (IKBFC) disco this evening has a spook-tacular time. We are so grateful to be working in partnership with our IKBFC to put on so many brilliant events throughout the school calendar. Thank you for everyone who gives up their time to run or support the group, it really wouldn’t happen without you.

**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**



**Awesome Attendance**

**Our overall attendance target for the year is 97% to ensure that all our children are in school, learning + developing as much as possible:**

**Reception attendance: 97.48%**

**Year 1 attendance: 98.20%**

**Year 2 attendance: 96.72%**

**Whole school: 97.47%**

**Well done to Year 1, our Term 1 attendance champs!**

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

<b>Term 2 2022-23</b>	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET DAY – IKB school and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	INSET DAY – IKB school and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	First day of Term 2.
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	PANTS NSPCC assembly – ‘Keeping our privates, private’ for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	IKB school tours for the September 2023 Reception class @ 9:00, 13:15 and 15:30.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual school photo day.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening #1.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening #2.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	‘Fabulous Friday’ in Year 1 for parents/ carers to learn alongside their children from 14:45 – 15:10.
Week of 14 <sup>th</sup> November	National Road Safety Week + National Anti-bullying Week.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	IKB Friends and Community Group meeting at IKB from 18:00.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Miss Fahy’s Phonics workshop for parents/ carers @ 8:50 and 14:40.
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Wear your pyjamas to school day with bed time stories, milk and biscuits from 14:35 – parents and carers welcome to attend for the bedtime stories.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Aaron Warren Reading workshop and classroom activities (see top of newsletter).
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	IKB Friends and Community Xmas Fayre from 15:15 in the school hall.
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Wellington Xmas lights switch on with our Year 2 children singing – time TBC.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Reception post box visit to post their Xmas letters to Santa.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	‘Fabulous Friday’ in Reception for parents/ carers to learn alongside their children from 14:45 – 15:10.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas performance dress rehearsals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – all costumes to be in school.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	National Xmas Jumper Day – please donate something small to our food bank collection.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Bright Sparks Nursery Xmas songs and Makaton @ 9:15 – online booking to appear on Parent Mail.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas Dinner Day for the whole school.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Xmas performance @ 9:15 and 14:30 - online booking to appear on Parent Mail.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa is visiting IKB – Shhh, please don’t tell the children.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Xmas performance @ 9:15 and 14:30 - online booking to appear on Parent Mail.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Knowledge organisers and class newsletters for Term 3 to go home to parents/ carers.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	IKB Friends and Community Group Xmas Movie Night – more details to follow.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2.

Thank you for all of your support during Term 1 this academic year. It is greatly appreciated. Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher