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Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you how strong a start we have made to Term 2 across the school. This term is always a busy one in the build up to the festive season and we have appreciated and enjoyed your engagement with everything IKB!

'Every Child a Reader'

This week and continuing next week our whole school focus is on our Trust and school priority of 'Every Child a Reader'. It was fantastic to see so many parents/ carers at Miss Fahy's phonics workshop on Wednesday so that you could gain greater understanding of how we teach phonics in school and enable you to support your child further at home. If you missed it, please find a recorded version here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKfcTdRLGaA>

Continuing this focus, next week we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers in again for two further reading opportunities alongside your children. Please do not fret if you have children in multiple classrooms, there will be opportunities to move between them:

Wednesday 23rd November:

Wear your pyjamas to school day and from 14:35 – 15:05 you are invited in to share bedtime stories with your child's class.

Friday 25th November:

14:25 – 14:45 – visiting your child's classroom to take part in reading focused activities alongside your children.

14:50 – 15:10 – joining myself and our parent governor, Aaron Warren, for a reading workshop filled with top tips for how you and your child 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 our goal of 'Every Child a Reader'. We hope to see as many of you there as possible, both in the classrooms and attending the workshop.

NSPCC PANTS

In recent weeks we have been focusing on the NSPCC PANTS underwear rules. It is important that this is followed up at home to reinforce our school message and ensure consistency for our children:

- P – Privates are private**
- A – Always remember your body belongs to you**
- N – No means no**
- T – Talk about things that upset you and speak up**
- S – Someone can help you**

For more information, please visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



Parent/ Carer Evenings

Last week we held our first parent/ carer evenings of the academic year and we were thrilled by the attendance of all of our parents and carers who attended to learn about all of the fantastic educational, social and emotional progress our children are making. A huge shout out to our IKB teaching staff who ensured that those who could not attend the dates received additional appointments so that 100% of families attended. An extra thank you to those of you who also completed our parent/ carer survey, providing us feedback of our areas of strength and what we can do to further support our families moving forwards. We appreciate the time that you gave to complete these.

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



Mental Health

At IKB, positive mental health for our children and our families is a priority. For this reason, this year we have invested in the following staff to develop and strengthen this area of our provision:

Mrs Hembrow – Mental Health Support Lead

Miss Foreman – Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

Community Links

We are thrilled to be teaming up with the Wellington Baptist Church over the next month to provide more learning opportunities for our children and build even stronger links for our curriculum within our fantastic community. On Monday 28th of November all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visiting the church for an Xmas themed assembly with Pastor Sam. Our Year 2 children will also have the opportunity to support local families when they visit the church 'Refuge' on Thursday 15th December.

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

Term 2 2022-23	
Wednesday 23 rd 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.
Thursday 24 th November	Members of the Wellington Rotary Club in for flower planting with our children.
Friday 25 th November	Aaron Warren Reading workshop and classroom activities (see top of newsletter).
Saturday 26 th November	Wellington Xmas lights switch on with our Year 2 children singing – performing at 16:00.
Monday 28 th November	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 visit to Wellington Baptist Church for an Xmas assembly with Pastor Sam.
Thursday 1 st December	Reception post box visit to post their Xmas letters to Santa.
Friday 2 nd December	'Fabulous Friday' in Reception for parents/ carers to learn alongside their children from 14:45 – 15:10.
Thursday 8 th December	Xmas performance dress rehearsals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – all costumes to be in school.
Friday 9 th December	Xmas Jumper Day – please donate something small to our food bank collection.
Friday 9 th December	Bright Sparks Nursery Xmas songs and Makaton @ 9:15
Friday 9 th December	Xmas Dinner Day for the whole school.
Monday 12 th December	Reception Xmas performance @ 9:15 and 14:30 - online booking to appear on Parent Mail.
Tuesday 13 th December	Santa is visiting IKB – Shhh, please don't tell the children.
Wednesday 14 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Xmas performance @ 9:15 and 14:30 - online booking to appear on Parent Mail.
Wednesday 14 th December	Knowledge organisers and class newsletters for Term 3 to go home to parents/ carers.
Thursday 15 th December	Year 2 trip to Wellington Baptist Church to support our local community at the 'Refuge'.
Thursday 15 th December	Year 1 trip to the Taachi Morris theatre to attend the Sleeping Beauty pantomime.
Friday 16 th December	Last day of Term 2.
Week of 19 th December	IKB Bright Sparks open as usual.
Week of 26 th December	IKB Bright Spark closed this week.
Tuesday 3 rd January	Term 3 begins for IKB school and IKB Bright Sparks

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