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Monday 29th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has come by so quickly again but we are at the end of another term. Term 4 had so much going on and we have loved enjoying it with your children, seeing them continue to make great strides in their development and learning has been a real pleasure. We hope that you have enjoyed following our term 4 journey on our IKB school and IKB Bright Sparks Facebook pages, through Tapestry and most importantly through your children coming home and telling you all about what they have been experiencing.



At IKB Bright Sparks it has been lovely to see the children making close bonds and friendships with one another. Nursery is an interesting time where across the week our children will meet different children and adults depending upon the day or time they attend, and it has been wonderful to see that every time I have visited I have been met by curious and caring children who are so keen to introduce me to their friends and show me what they have been learning about. Whether it is enjoying nutritious food during our communal lunch times, making bigger, bolder and messier movements while learning outside or chilling out and taking five in our lending library, I have been met with smiles and excitement from all each and every time.

Parents'
Evening!

A huge thank you to all our parents/carers for your attendance. Our aim was to have full attendance and to be successful in this yet again was really pleasing for us. Involving families in the education of their child/ren is something that the entire IKB team hugely value.

Safeguarding Reminder:

It is really important that if any of your personal contact details change, please can you let Mrs Hawkins know in our school office so that we can ensure, that should we need to reach you, we are able to do so. Thank you for your help with this.



Red Nose day was a great success. Thank you for all the generous donations received – we raised over £30 to support the charity and from the photo overleaf our children certainly enjoyed dressing in 'whatever made them feel happy'.





Our reception class have flourished again this term and it is incredible to see how much they have all grown since September and witness the huge amounts of progress they have all made. They were again successful in achieving their class reward, last week they managed to secure their 20th bee in the hive for demonstrating our IKB attributes of positivity, engagement, being responsible, showing respect, demonstrating resilience and rising to challenges throughout the term – they voted for an Easter egg hunt across the school and have already made their Easter baskets for collection. Happy hunting this week reception class!

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

Regrettably there are events that we had planned for parents and carers to learn alongside their children in term 5 that we have had to either postpone or cancel due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please be reassured that we will be ensuring that your children still get to experience all the events we had planned and that we will make sure we share them with you all via Tapestry and our social media pages. Below are the revised dates for your diary for term 5:

TERM 5	
Monday 19 th April	Term 5 begins with a WOW day to launch our new topic – ‘Once upon a time’
Tuesday 20 th April	IKB school safeguarding review – we will keep you up-to-date with our progress and next steps
Wednesday 21 st April	Parent/ carer maths workshop with Miss Fahy will now be virtual on Facebook and our website
Week of 17 th May	Walk to school week – more information to follow
Thursday 20 th May	Whole school sandwich making for British sandwich making week – more information to follow
Friday 28 th May	Last day of term 5 – knowledge organisers and class newsletters for term 6 to be sent home
Monday 7 th June	Term 5 begins with a WOW day to launch our new topic – ‘Growth and change’
Monday 7 th June	New reception parents (September 2021) to be sent all relevant information and forms

This academic year has been the most unusual and testing that I have experienced in my career and I know the rest of our IKB staff feel the same. We have really appreciated everything that all parents and carers have done to ensure that we maintain a COVID secure environment for our children. Thank you all for continuing to follow the guidance and our risk assessments, for the mask wearing and additional hand washing/ sanitising. All the small things we have come together to achieve have been what have kept our community safe throughout. As we head into the Summer terms I hope to have more positive news in terms of returning to ‘normal’ but as always we will be guided by the government and scientific guidance.

Enjoy a great break and remember to seize any opportunities for learning that you come across, because learning doesn’t just happen in the classroom. As always, thank you for your continued trust and support. We greatly appreciate it.

Mr Healey
IKB Headteacher