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Friday 28th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We really are at the business end of the academic year as we come to the end of term 5 and we are thrilled with the progress the children have been making both academically and socially during what has been a challenging year for everyone. Our term 6 topic is called 'Living and Growing' and is all about growth and change, setting the children up for a strong transition for the next stage in their educational journeys in September. Our reception children have really enjoyed their introduction to this during term 5 during their two visits to the Longforth Farm pond. During the first visit they witnessed the local swans nesting and caring for their eggs. During their most recent visit they were thrilled to see the cygnets that had hatched and how they are adapting to their new surroundings.



To continue the growth theme next term our reception class will be enjoying our first 'Tri-Science' three-day event, from 9th June – 11th June, where they will be learning about the life cycle of caterpillars and butterflies. Linking learning to our class story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', each child will be receiving their own caterpillar in school and learning about its life cycle in becoming a butterfly. Over the course of the term the children will then monitor this journey and when they become butterflies, release them into the world.



Bright Sparks Nursery continues to grow and expand. The children are always learning, through exploring their environment, working out how things work and setting challenges for themselves. There is such a sense of pride emanating from IKB Bright Sparks at present and we have been so impressed with our children. This term they have been completing more planting and have finished creating their bug hotel, which is now open for visitors! Our oldest children have been having lunches in the main school with the reception children, getting used to routines for when they start in September. We are currently getting our second room ready for use after the half term break to give us even more space to grow and learn.

Our IKB Attributes:

- We are POSITIVE
- We are ENGAGED
- We are RESPONSIBLE
- We are RESPECTFUL
- We are RESILIENT
- We RISE TO CHALLENGES



Sun Safety Reminder:

The children have been learning about sun safety. Please can the children have the following in school:

- 1) Sun hat
- 2) Sun cream (SPF 50)
- 3) Water bottle



Internet Safety Resource Links:

[Thinkuknow - home](#)

[Resources - Childnet](#)

[Teaching Resources | Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Schools online safety resources for teachers - Internet Matters](#)

[Resources for Education | SWGfL](#)



DID SOMEBODY SAY SANDWICH???

During the week of 17th May all our nursery and reception children enjoyed getting involved in British Sandwich Making Week. Making sandwiches, creating sandwich menus with costings, designing luxury sandwiches and most importantly EATING SANDWICHES. The week was *filled* with fun!



** DATES FOR THE DIARY **

Regrettably there are events that we had planned for parents and carers to learn alongside their children in term 6 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 6:

TERM 6	
Week of 31 st May	IKB Bright Sparks open
Monday 7 th June	Term 6 begins with a WOW day to launch our new topic – 'Living and Growing'
Tuesday 8 th June	World ocean day – all children and staff permitted to wear blue and green to celebrate
9 th – 11 th June	Reception 'Tri-Science' days – 3 days immersed in investigative scientific experimentation
Week Commencing 14 th June	New reception parents (September 2021) to be sent all relevant information and forms
Monday 21 st June	New reception (Sept 2021) open evening from 17:00 – 18:30 – more information to follow
Thursday 24 th June	INSET DAY – IKB school and Bright Sparks closed
Friday 25 th June	INSET DAY – IKB school and Bright Sparks closed
Tuesday 29 th June	IKB reception sports day (weather dependent) + fruit kebab making – more information to follow Bright Sparks children will have sports activities throughout the week of Monday 28 th June
Wednesday 7 th July	Virtual bedtime story event for new reception children (Sept 2021) with Mr Healey and Miss Fahy from 18:00 – 18:45 – more information to follow
Thursday 15 th July	Whole school 'Moving Up' transition morning where children spend time in new classes IKB families picnic from 13:30 – 15:00 – parents/ carers invited – more information to follow
Monday 19 th July	School reports go out to parents/ carers
Week of 19 th July	Knowledge organisers and class newsletters for term 1 (2021-22) to be sent home
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of term 6

As always, thank you for your continued trust and support. We greatly appreciate it. Please enjoy a safe and happy half term break. And remember, learning doesn't just happen in the classroom, so seize all opportunities for learning that you come across.

Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher