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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible start to Term 2 we have had. We could not have wished for a better opening than the celebration of our 1 year anniversary of being at our IKB site to kick off the term. We were thrilled to see so many of you in attendance and enjoying an afternoon of performances from our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children. Whether it was French, dance, storytelling or singing, it was inspiring to see a group of confident young people embracing centre stage and showcasing their many talents. We really hope that you all enjoyed the afternoon and we look forward to seeing you all again for our many upcoming events that we have planned – some of which you can check out below in our 'Dates for the Diary' section.



Thank you to all Nursery and Reception parents and carers who attended our Early Years phonics workshop with Miss Fahy this week. Similar to last year, the two sessions were very well attended with attendees gaining an insight into the ways we teach phonics at IKB as well as taking away some top tips to use at home. If you were not able to make either of the sessions, or would simply like a refresher, then please visit our website to access a virtual recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKfcTdRLGaA>

Somehow December is almost upon us and we have plenty of exciting learning opportunities and activities in the pipeline for all our children.



To create a memorable festive experience for our children and our families, the following can be looked forward to over the coming weeks: Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Xmas performances, our communal Christmas dinner for all children, delivery and decorating of our Xmas tree, national Christmas jumper day, a Year 1 pantomime visit for Jack and the Beanstalk with Nursery and Reception children enjoying the same performance live and virtually from IKB, class Xmas parties, Mr Healey's LEGENDARY 12 days of Christmas assembly, the Reception and Year 1 Xmas scavenger hunt (that has now become IKB tradition) and even a visit from Santa himself!

Please see the 'Dates for the Diary' section below for more details and dates.

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



**It was fantastic seeing so many of our IKB Year 1 parents and carers learning alongside their children in the setting for our first ever 'Fabulous Friday'.**

**We cannot wait for our Reception parents and carers to join us for their very own 'Fabulous Friday' on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 8:45 – 9:10am.**



**With the nights becoming darker much earlier we are reminding families about the 'Be Safe. Be Seen' message.**

**Children this week had an assembly on this topic with Simon Bramley, our local PCSO and we want to ensure that we are continuing the support for this message with all our children.**

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

<b>TERM 2</b>	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Xmas tree delivery (very exciting)!!
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Reception and Year 1 parent/ carer bedtime story sessions with the children from 14:35 – all children can wear pyjamas to school this day.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Reception vision testing day through the NHS.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Reception post box visit to deliver Xmas letters to Santa.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Reception 'Fabulous Friday' for parents/ carers from 8:45 – 9:10.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Flu jabs for Reception and Year 1 children.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	IKB safeguarding review day – we will feedback to all parents/ carers with our strengths and development areas.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	National Xmas jumper day – all children can wear Xmas jumpers if they wish.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Xmas dinner day (yummy)!!
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Xmas performance at 9:15 – singing and Makaton – more information coming very soon regarding bookings.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Xmas performances at 9:15 and 14:40 – traditional Nativity - more information coming very soon regarding bookings.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Year 1 Winter celebrations across the world assembly.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>** TOP SECRET **</b> - Santa Claus is coming to town (IKB) – shhhhhhhhhhh!
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Xmas performances at 9:15 and 14:40 – Nativity with a twist! - more information coming very soon regarding bookings.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Year 1 Xmas scavenger hunt.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Term 3 class newsletters and knowledge organisers out to all parents/ carers in preparation for next term.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 trip to the pantomime for Jack and the Beanstalk. All children to be at IKB for 8:00 to leave promptly at 8:30 (returning to school for lunch time).
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception live stream experience of Jack and the Beanstalk.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school 12 days of Christmas assembly with Mr Healey.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Xmas parties throughout the afternoon – more information to follow in time.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2 for Reception and Year 1.
Week of 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery open throughout the week as normal with the Nursery closing at 12:00 on 24/12/21.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 3 begins for all Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children.

As always, thank you for your continued trust and support. Remember, learning doesn't just happen in the classroom, so seize all opportunities for learning that you come across with your children.

Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher