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Tis the season...



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe but we have reached the end of 2021 and what a year it has been. Exactly one year ago we had 23 children and families on roll in our Reception class. Fast forward a year and we now have children and families spanning our Bright Sparks Nursery and our IKB Reception and Year 1 classes. We are thrilled at the growth of our IKB community and to have so many happy and supportive parents/ carers on this journey with us. Term 2 of this academic year has seen plenty of opportunities for children to secure knowledge, experience opportunities for the first time and throw themselves into new challenges each and every day. As you can see above, these past couple of weeks have seen all our children and staff embracing the festive season and we hope that you have enjoyed hearing from your children about what they have been up to each day. Personally, I have been most impressed with each child seizing the opportunity to perform on stage and in front of an audience, doing so with immense self-confidence and pride. Whether your child was involved in our Nursery carols and Makaton performance, our Reception nativity or our Year 1 nativity *with a twist*, we hope that you enjoyed the performances and sharing in their learning experiences. To see so many of you turning up to each event and supporting us with our COVID-19 protocols was greatly appreciated. Our children quite simply blew us all away with their talents and together we look forward to providing them with plenty more opportunities to experience such successes in 2022 and beyond.



Our IKB Attributes:

We are **POSITIVE**

We are **ENGAGED**

We are **RESPONSIBLE**

We are **RESPECTFUL**

We are **RESILIENT**

We **RISE TO CHALLENGES**



Our Reception and Year 1 children had their NSPCC assembly and learned about 'PANTS':

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



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

Children this term 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 **

TERM 3	
Monday 3 rd January	Bank holiday – IKB and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Tuesday 4 th January	Term 3 begins for all children!
Week of 4 th January	WOW days in each class to launch our Term 3 curriculum topics.
Week of 10 th January	'Wonderful Week' in Bright Sparks Nursery where parents/ carers can learn alongside their child for 25 minutes at drop-off on a day of the week.
Monday 10 th January	Our first IKB Friends and Community Group meeting from 18:00 – 19:30. Please see Parent Mail information already sent out.
Tuesday 11 th January	Reception children join dance club from 15:15 – 16:00. Miss Gonta will be running this club for Reception and Year 1 every Tuesday.
Wednesday 12 th January	Speech and Language workshop for all parent/ carers @ 14:40 from Talk Speech, the certified Speech and Language company that we work with at IKB.
Saturday 15 th January	Deadline for school admissions with the local authority for Reception 2022-23 academic year.
Wednesday 19 th January	Miss Fahy's reading workshop for parents/ carers @ 8:50 and 14:45.
Friday 21 st January	Whole school newsletter goes out to parents/ carers.
Monday 24 th January	Big garden bird watch launch with the children.
Week of 31 st January	National storytelling week.
Friday 4 th February	'Fabulous Friday' in Year 1 from 8:45 – 9:10. An opportunity for parents/ carers to learn alongside their children at the start of the day.
Week of 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week.
Week of 7 th February	Safer Internet Week.
Wednesday 9 th February	Whole school yoga sessions to help promote positive mental health among all children.
Thursday 10 th February	Mr Healey's Safer Internet workshop for parents/ carers @ 8:50 and 14:45.
Wednesday 16 th February	Term 4 class newsletters and knowledge organisers out to all parents/ carers.
Thursday 17 th February	Whole school newsletter goes out to parents/ carers.
Thursday 17 th February	Last day of Term 3 for the children.
Friday 18 th February	INSET day – IKB and IKB Bright Sparks closed.
Week of 21 st February	IKB Bright Sparks open as normal.
Monday 28 th February	Term 4 begins.
Monday 28 th February	Eco club with Miss Aldridge begins for Year 1 children from 15:15 – 16:00, every Monday.

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