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Monday 24th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see the children getting right back into the swing of things at IKB these past few weeks after the break and all staff at IKB hope that you enjoyed the extended time with family and friends. We have been incredibly impressed with the attendance of our children upon returning as well as the focus and engagement they are demonstrating in all aspects of the curriculum. At the moment 'The Big Garden Bird Watch' has been of high profile, both inside and outside the classrooms, and the children have been enjoying learning about the different species of birds and how their own actions can support the wildlife in their community.



CELEBRATING IKB BRIGHT SPARKS 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!!!



Special congratulations to our team at IKB Bright Sparks Nursery who this month celebrated their 1 year anniversary since opening. From beginning with a handful of families, to now thriving with over 60 families attending every week, we are thrilled with the progress of the setting and its importance in beginning the journey of our families at IKB. Thank you so much for your input, your feedback and your loyalty to date. Our dedicated Bright Sparks staff talk often to me about the strong relationships with parents and carers and we are grateful that you have seized every opportunity to get involved in the learning and development of your young children. The children are currently learning about the story of 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' as captured by their wonderful display, showcasing their learning – please ask them all about it!

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 a visit from Somerset Road Safety this term and learned all about:

STOP
LOOK
LISTEN
THINK



We are very excited to let you know that we are in the process of recruiting our Year 2 teacher for the 2022-23 academic year.

Teacher tours are happening at present and we are very excited to be adding another staff member to the team after interview in the near future.

#forwardplanning

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

TERM 3	
Monday 24 th January	Big garden bird watch assembly.
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, 14:45 and 17:30.
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.
TERM 4	
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).
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – children can dress as their favourite story book characters if they wish.
Tuesday 8 th March	Children will be learning all about inspirational women on International Women's Day.
Week of 14 th March	British Science Week.
Friday 18 th March	Whole school IKB Easter Bonnet Showcase launch date.
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief – 'Red Nose Day'.
Friday 18 th March	Whole school newsletter goes out to parents/ carers.
Tuesday 22 nd March	Parents Evening #1 (more information to follow nearer the time about signing up).
Wednesday 23 rd March	Parents Evening #2 (more information to follow nearer the time about signing up).
Friday 25 th March	'Fabulous Friday' in Reception from 8:45 – 9:10. An opportunity for parents/ carers to learn alongside their children at the start of the day.
Tuesday 29 th March	Whole school class photo day.
Wednesday 30 th March	Miss Fahy's Maths workshop for parents/ carers @ 8:50 and 14:45.
Wednesday 6 th April	Term 5 class newsletters and knowledge organisers out to all parents/ carers.
Friday 8 th April	Whole school newsletter goes out to parents/ carers.

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