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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first week we have had welcoming your children to school for the very first time and beginning their educational journeys with us. It has been inspiring to see how enthused all the children have been in their new learning and different environments, whilst also witnessing the birth of new friendships and relationships. This week has really put down strong foundations for a successful year ahead.



We're really excited to be welcoming the following staff to the IKB team:

Richard Healey – Headteacher
Victoria Hawkins – Business Manager
Nicola Fahy – Year Reception Teacher
Aimee Evans – Year Reception Teaching Assistant
Anthony Scully – Caretaker
Debbie Foreman – Lunch Time Supervisor
Clare Hobbs – Lunch Time Supervisor

****We are a really friendly, approachable bunch and fully focused on providing the best learning environment and community for your children****

A reminder of our 6 IKB attributes that we have seen all the children demonstrating this week:

We are positive - in our relationships with others and values that we share. In reception children learn independently and collaboratively. Here we see all the class encouraging and supporting one another during a counting lesson...1...2...3!



We are engaged - in our classroom learning and in wider school activities. When I stopped by the role play area this week these three girls explained to me that they were packed and ready to go camping together. Lovely weather for it too!

We are responsible - for the way we conduct ourselves in school and among the community. 21 golden envelopes on the classroom wall, each with the name of a different child in. When selected that child will be the 'special helper' for the day with extra responsibilities.



We are respectful - to everyone we meet and to the property and resources that we share. All the children secured their second bee in the hive this week for remaining calm, quiet and exiting the school building safely during our fire drill. Well done class RNF!



We are resilient - when things might not go the way we wanted and come back stronger. These children realised that they could build miniature sand mountains, but when they worked together and shared resources they could make a GIANT sand mountain. Wonderful teamwork.

We rise to challenges - to learn more about ourselves and to strive for further achievement. These boys were challenged to combine their brick towers together to begin building a house and we think they have started their new build excellently. Reminds me of another building I know that we shall be inhabiting soon enough...



KEEPING UP TO DATE

Use the school website, Facebook page and Parent Mail to keep up to date on all events and news during the school term.

School Website: <https://www.ikbschool.co.uk/>

Tapestry: visit via the personal link emailed to you to see what your children have been up to – please remember that observations on Tapestry are those that Miss Fahy and Miss Evans see in the moment



Isambard Kingdom Brunel Primary School and IKB Reception Class September 2020

Dates for your diary

* All events subject to Covid restrictions. Further dates to be added and more information will follow regarding events below *

TERM 1	
Monday 21 st September	Reception full-time and wrap around care provision begins
Monday 21 st September	WOW day – new topic introduction day for all children – ‘The Little Red Hen’ themed
Wednesday 23 rd September	National fitness day – circuit training with Mr Healey
Thursday 8 th October	World mental health day – yoga for all with Mr Healey
Thursday 22 nd October	Last day of term
Friday 23 rd October	INSET day
TERM 2	
Monday 2 nd November	Term 2 begins with a WOW day
Tuesday 3 rd November	Reception open morning for parents: 8:45 – 9:30 with Miss Fahy; 9:30 – 10:00 with Mr Healey
Wednesday 4 th November	Parent Tapestry workshops with Miss Fahy: 9:00 and 14:45
Friday 6 th November	Poppy making activity for children and parents: 14:30 in class with Miss Fahy
Monday 9 th November	School photo day
Monday 9 th November	New Parent Open Day Tours: 9:15, 14:00, 17:30 – not for current parents/ carers
Tuesday 10 th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 11 th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 11 th November	PE session for children and parents with Mr Healey: 9:00 – 10:00
Monday 16 th November	Anti-bullying week
Wednesday 18 th November	Parent Phonics workshops with Miss Fahy: 9:00 and 14:45
Wednesday 2 nd December	Reception bedtime stories with parents: 14:35 – 15:15 in class with Miss Fahy
Thursday 17 th December	Last day of term
Friday 18 th December	INSET day

Next week sees Reception transitioning to full-time attendance. Our school day timings for the rest of the term at Wellesley Park will be beginning the day at 8:30 and finishing at 15:15. These extended days will include more hours of learning, play and experiences so please do not be alarmed if your children are coming home more tired than usual. A good night sleep and a nutritious breakfast is essential to give all children the energy and concentration levels to tackle the day ahead.

Enjoy your weekends and remember that learning doesn't just happen in the classroom. Seize any opportunities for learning that you encounter with your children. Thank you all for your continued support. Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher.