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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 5 is the quick term of the academic year and we already find ourselves over halfway through it! At IKB though, we are ensuring that we are seizing every opportunity for learning with our children, between bank holidays and INSET days, and we have been thrilled to see everyone engaging in so many learning opportunities across a range of topics.

Carymoor Environmental Trust Virtual Visit:



At IKB, one of our aims this academic year is to become an Eco-school and gain green flag status. We have been working towards this in our Eco-club by firstly completing an Eco-review of areas we can improve in our school. As a brand new school on a new site, one of the areas we identified was biodiversity. We have been planting plants at the front of the school as well as in the Year 1 outdoor area. We have also built a bug hotel out of recycled materials in our forest school area. Our other aims are to promote healthy living and look at how we can reduce waste.

We were very lucky to have a virtual visit from Carymoor Educational Trust, partnered with Somerset Waste, last week to raise awareness about how we can recycle more. The day began by having a virtual assembly, led by recycling expert Karen, who talked to our children about how we can reduce, reuse and recycle more. The children discussed what should and shouldn't be recycled and where our waste, both food and black bin waste, goes. We then met Wigglebert and his wiggly friends who taught us how to make our own compost and the importance of our food waste. Finally, we met Burpy, our food waste bin, and we sorted items to find out what Burpy will and won't eat. All the children enjoyed these workshops and are showing us what they have learned by ensuring they are recycling in school. We hope you can support our venture of becoming an Eco-School at home by helping to implement good recycling habits to support our environment and further embed this learning with our children.

Another 'Wonderful Week':

This week has seen another 'Wonderful Week' in our IKB Bright Sparks where parents and carers have been able to accompany their child into the setting and learn and play alongside them, whilst experiencing exactly what they get up to. It has been great to see so many parents and carers taking up this opportunity and Mrs Herrod and her team have really appreciated all feedback received. Creating strong links between home and school is something we strive for at IKB and engaging our families in what we do is a golden thread that will continue to run all the way up through our school as we continue to grow year on year.

Continuous School Improvement:

Yesterday we had a visit from a trained Ofsted inspector and school improvement officer with a view to monitoring our progress as a school to date and continuing our process of self-evaluation to ensure that IKB is always looking to develop and become an even better school for our children, our families and our staff. The focus of the visit was looking at early reading and phonics, maths and curriculum development. We will be receiving a report from our visit and I will be sharing the headlines with you all so that you can celebrate our areas of strength and understand our areas for development as we move forward together.

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



SLIP, SLAP, SLOP

As the sun starts to get hotter, please make sure you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. Don't forget arms, legs and backs of necks. Please also send in a named sun hat. We do have spare sun cream in school but if your child has specific requirements please send in a named bottle of their preferred product.

This week has been Mental Health Awareness Week and we have been promoting positive mental health with our children.

For more information about the different ways people talk about their experiences go to:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/mental-health-awareness-week/>

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

Term 5	
Week of 16 th May	National Walk (or scoot, cycle, skateboard, hop, skip, etc) to School week.
Friday 20 th May	IKB school and IKB Bright Sparks closed due to INSET day and staff training.
Wednesday 25 th May	Class newsletters and knowledge organisers for term 6 going home.
Thursday 26 th May	Next IKB Friends and Community (IKBFC) meeting @ IKB from 18:00.
Friday 27 th May	Last day of Term 5.
Week of 30 th May	IKB Bright Sparks open as normal.
Term 6	
Monday 6 th June	Term 6 begins with WOW days in all classes to launch new class stories and topics.
Week of 6 th June	Phonics screening check week for all Year 1 children.
Wednesday 8 th June	World Ocean day – all children can wear green and blue colours to school if they wish.
Wednesday 8 th June – Friday 10 th June	IKB Tri-Science days. 3 days dedicated to scientific investigation and experimentation at IKB for all Nursey, Reception and Year 1 children.
Week of 13 th June	British Healthy Eating week.
Monday 20 th June	September 2022 Reception children open evening @ IKB from 17:00 – 18:30.
Thursday 23 rd June	Teddy bear transition picnic for pre-school Nursery and Reception children.
Friday 24 th June	IKB school and IKB Bright Sparks closed due to INSET day and staff training.
Thursday 30 th June – Tuesday 5 th July	IKB + Trust Art partnership days. Children will be getting the opportunity to work with children from Court Fields @ IKB to complete an art project.
Thursday 30 th June	Sports day followed by fruit kebab making for Reception and Year 1 – more information to follow. Nursery – carrying out sports themed activities and fruit kebab making throughout the week.
Friday 1 st July	IKBFC Summer Fayre from 15:15 – 17:15 @ IKB – more information to follow.
Thursday 7 th July	'Moving Up' transition day. Morning: Children in their September classrooms with their new class teachers. Afternoon: 13:15 – 13:45 – Y1 + Y2 parent meetings for September readiness. 14:00 – 15:00 - Community picnic for all IKB + IKB Bright Sparks children and families.
Friday 8 th July	'Fabulous Friday' in Reception for parents to learn alongside their children from 14:45 – 15:15.
Friday 15 th July	Year 1 1940s evening and 'sleep over' at IKB. Children must be collected by 8:00 Saturday morning.
Monday 18 th July	School reports going home with knowledge organisers and class newsletters for September.
Thursday 21 st July	End of year class parties for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 during the afternoon.
Thursday 21 st July	IKBFC Summer family disco - TBC.
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of the 2021-22 academic year.

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