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Dear Parents and Carers,

I actually cannot quite believe that this is the last newsletter of the academic year. Time has seemed to accelerate in 2022 and all I can put it down to is the enjoyment we have had as a school whilst experiencing so many learning opportunities to develop and embed our knowledge and skill sets across the curriculum. I'd like to share some of my favourite from the final part of the Summer term with you:

Sports Day

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers turn out for sports day to witness all of the children demonstrating all of the skills that they have been working on in their PE lessons. The rain held off, the children all excelled, the fruit kebabs tasted so succulent and even our adult 'athletes' got involved in our parent/ carer race that is now becoming a staple in the IKB calendar!



The IKB and Court Fields 'Doodle Boy' Art Collaboration

Probably my favourite part of the academic year to date. True Trust partnership work and our children gaining so much insight and knowledge of art from their older peers. We are so grateful to Court Fields for all of the opportunities they provide us with.



Transition

As staff at IKB know, transition is a huge priority to us and not something that happens over one day, but over many weeks and months to ensure that all children are best prepared for their next destinations come September. Our 'Moving Up' day, involving Bright Sparks, Reception and Year 1 was one element of our transition plan and we were thrilled to see how much of a success it was on the day for existing IKB families and new IKB families alike.



'Fabulous Friday'

The end of this term saw the turn of Reception for our popular 'Fabulous Friday' and it was great to see so many parents and carers attending to learn alongside their children and witness the progress that they are making. We understand that not all families can attend these events due to other commitments, however we will continue to provide an array of opportunities at different points in the year for parents and carers to come into school. We will continue to plan these at varying times to help make events accessible for as many people as possible.



IKB Friends and Community (IKBFC) Summer Fair

I want to give a special mention to our IKBFC team of volunteers who have only been in existence since the turn of the year, however have been responsible for adding an extra dimension to our school. We have always had plans for IKB to be a community school and we have been delivering this through our curriculum, yet I am so pleased to say that since the formation of our IKBFC group our community school ethos is also coming through school events too. The IKBFC Summer Fair was the highlight of these events so far and raised an unbelievable **£349.95** that will go back into our school budget to be spent on our children and their development. On behalf of our entire IKB community, thank you IKBFC group for everything you have achieved these past 7 months. We are very excited about all upcoming future events!



Thank you so much for all of your support for our IKB curriculum and for sharing in your children's learning this academic year.

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



This term, all Reception and Year 1 children were involved in a 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assembly from the NSPCC, as part of our commitment to safeguarding all our children.

For more information please follow:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>



A huge shout out to our IKB Bright Sparks Nursery team who will be providing excellent provision and care throughout the Summer for our children and families.

If you know of anyone looking for a place for their child aged 2 - 4 then please have them contact Mrs Herrod at brightsparks@ikbschool.co.uk

Goodbye Miss Hawkins (Teaching Assistant) and Miss Maynard

At the end of this academic year we say goodbye to Miss Hawkins and Miss Maynard who have spent the last academic year with us as teaching assistants. We are sad to see them go, however we are incredibly proud to see them returning to teaching and university respectively. They have added so much value to IKB and we are so grateful. Thank you both!

** DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Term 1 2022-23	
Thursday 1 st September	Staff INSET day – school and nursery both closed.
Friday 2 nd September	Staff INSET day – school and nursery both closed.
Monday 5 th September	School begins for Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Home visit week for Reception children – each child to have timetabled slot.
Friday 9 th September	Reception stay and play from 13:00 – 15:00 – each child to have timetabled slot.
Monday 12 th September	Part-time week for Reception children from 8:45 – 12:00, Monday – Thursday.
Thursday 15 th September	Restorative Justice and Emotion Coaching Behaviour workshops with Mr Healey for all parents and carers. There will be x3 identical sessions held at 11:30, 14:40 and 17:30.
Friday 16 th September	Part-time day for Reception children from 8:45 – 13:00, inclusive of lunch time.
Monday 19 th September	Reception children begin full time from today, 8:45 – 15:15. Clubs begin for Year 1 and Year 2 children this week.
Wednesday 21 st September	National Fitness Day. Phonics Screening Check parent/ carer meetings for Year 1 with Miss Aldridge at 8:50 and 14:50.
Friday 30 th September	Forest School sessions begin for Reception children. Please have a change of clothes in school. School tours for September 2023 Reception starter families with Mr Healey.
Week of 3 rd October	'Wonderful Week' in IKB Bright Sparks for parents/ carers to learn alongside their children at one drop off time during the week.
Friday 7 th October	School tours for September 2023 Reception starter families with Mr Healey.
Monday 10 th October	Year 2 trip to Hooke Court. World Mental Health Day.
Friday 14 th October	'Fabulous Friday' in Year 2 for parents/ carers to learn alongside their children from 14:45 – 15:10.

Finally, I just wanted to say the biggest thank you to each and every one of you. The school community we have built over the past two academic years is a community that we can be truly proud of. This really is only the beginning and we are looking forward to growing from strength to strength with you again next year (after a rest), ensuring that all of our children continue to thrive at IKB. 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. Enjoy the best Summer and please stay safe.

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