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Wednesday 16th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As term 2 draws to a close it symbolises our first complete term of learning at our rightful IKB setting. I cannot speak highly enough of the additional hours and efforts put in by all staff during the half-term move, but also we are so grateful for the resilience shown by our children and families to transition so smoothly and hit the ground running upon our arrival. This term has been an action packed one and the children have learned so much during their 'light and dark' topic. Our reception team have worked so hard to link the learning to our Wellington community through PCSO and road safety officer visits; we have raised over £100 for children in need in Wellington; forest school has launched; we have written and delivered letters to Santa, the children have created sour dough angel art work which is on display at St John's church; Tapestry and Phonics workshops for all parents and a nativity performance that we have been able to put on for our parents/ carers in a Covid secure environment - the list is endless!!

Talking of the nativity performance, here is a photo of our nativity cast in all their glory – they really were sensational this week!



A huge thank you for your attendance at our Reception Nativity. The staff team worked hard to ensure we had a Covid secure setting for it and seeing your children on stage made all the efforts worthwhile. What a group of superstar thespians!
We hope you all enjoyed the performance!!

IKB Virtual Book Fayre:
We still cannot believe how much of a roaring success this turned out to be - £2940.14 raised to spend on books for our library!!!

Quite honestly astounding efforts all round. We hope you enjoy all your purchases this Xmas. Thank you!



Our final total is in for raising money for Children in Need in our Wellington community...

£107

Thank you for all the generous donations received.





Every Tuesday after school from 3:15 – 4:15pm, from term 3 onwards, is DANCE club with Miss Gonta.

Children do not need a change of clothes, they will just change into their PE daps/ trainers.

So far we have 14 members attending – the club is free of charge but please remember to book via Parent Mail.



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

Regrettably there are events that we had planned for parents and carers to learn alongside their children in term 3 that we have had to either postpone or cancel due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please be reassured that we will be ensuring that your children still get to experience all the events we had planned and that we will make sure we share them with you all via Tapestry and our social media pages. Below are the revised dates for your diary for term 3:

TERM 2	
Monday 4 th January	Term 3 begins with a WOW day to introduce the children to their new topic learning!
Tuesday 5 th January	After-school dance club begins – everyone welcome but you must book on Parent Mail
Wednesday 6 th January	Home visits all day for our nursery children
Thursday 7 th January	Morning home visits for our nursery children and settling in afternoon for our nursery children
Friday 8 th January	Settling in day for our nursery children
Monday 11 th January	IKB Bright Sparks nursery opens
Friday 15 th January	Deadline for reception admissions for 2021-22 – if you know anyone interested please let us know
Wednesday 20 th January	Parent Reading workshop with Miss Fahy will now be virtual – more info to follow
Monday 25 th January	The 'Big Garden Bird Watch' is launched – children will receive resources for this
Monday 1 st February	National storytelling week launched – storyteller visitor coming in to work with the children
Monday 1 st February	We will be celebrating national children's mental health week with positive mindfulness activities
Monday 8 th February	Safer Internet week launch with Mr Healey's Safer Internet assembly
Tuesday 9 th February	Parent Safer Internet workshop with Mr Healey will now be virtual – more info to follow
Wednesday 10 th February	Chinese new year assembly – the year of the Ox
Thursday 11 th February	Shrove Tuesday pancake assembly and pancake making for all
Thursday 11 th February	End of term 3 celebration assembly for all children
Friday 12 th February	INSET day – children not in
Monday 22 nd February	Term 4 begins with a WOW day to introduce the children to their new topic learning!

It is no secret that 2020 has been a difficult year for so many people. When you chose IKB as the school for your children you placed a huge amount of faith in a school that wasn't built and a headteacher and staff team who had not been appointed. We continue to be extremely grateful for your trust during these times and for your unwavering support since we have opened as a school in both our temporary and our permanent settings. My staff and I love this little (but growing!!) school and I hope that our passion in creating the best learning environment for your children and future generations of IKB children comes across.

Most importantly, 2021 will be a year when we build upon the strong foundations set and take this school community to even greater heights. I look forward to introducing you all to our highly skilled nursery team when our nursery opens on 11th January and we welcome many new children to IKB and our Bright Sparks nursery. If you know of any families looking for nursery places from January 2021 or reception places for September 2021 then please pass on our email address, office@ikbschool.co.uk and tell them to get in touch with us. We have already started Covid secure tours for prospective new parents and the feedback we have received has blown us away.

The key dates information above gives you an overview of all the great things that will be happening at IKB in term 3. Please look out for more information on them all coming soon via Parent Mail and our Facebook pages.

Finally, I would just like to wish you all a happy and safe festive period.

Merry Christmas,

Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher