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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our 1st ever newsletter as Isambard Kingdom Brunel Primary School (IKB) and we cannot tell you how excited we are to be preparing everything for your children to begin with us in September and the enormous privilege we feel with them being the first cohort of children at IKB. We hope that we find you all safe and well during these difficult times and we look forward to finally meeting you all in person soon. This edition includes key information and dates for you all and will be accompanied by Miss Fahy's class newsletter, knowledge organiser and school readiness information.



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

x 2 Lunchtime Supervisors – Being Appointed This Week

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

At IKB we believe in being child-centred and we live by our values that 'every child achieves', 'every child belongs' and 'every child participates'. IKB celebrates diversity, individuality and respects each child's identity, which enables us to develop the whole child, encouraging all children to excel and become an integral part of our community through our 6 IKB attributes:

- We are positive - in our relationships with others and values that we share
- We are engaged - in our classroom learning and in wider school activities
- We are responsible - for the way we conduct ourselves in school and among the community
- We are respectful - to everyone we meet and to the property and resources that we share
- We are resilient - when things might not go the way we wanted and come back stronger
- We rise to challenges - to learn more about ourselves and to strive for further achievement

We will create a nurturing environment which develops the skills our children need to be global citizens for the increasingly diverse society that we live in and that will allow all children to feel important and that they can contribute to society in their own unique ways. Our houses, of which all children will be a member of, provide a strong family-oriented support for your children. They will reflect the innovation and inventiveness of Brunel, and will be named after great scientists, mathematicians, environmentalists and inventors, especially female and from ethnically diverse groups, inclusive of people living/ who lived with disabilities, to reinforce the positive growth mindset that will characterise the learning at IKB.

1. Thunberg (Greta) – a teenage activist from Sweden who has become the face of the youth climate movement.
2. Johnson (Katherine) - a mathematician from America whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first spaceflights and moon landings.
3. Hawking (Stephen) - a theoretical physicist, cosmologist and author from England who was known for his work on black holes relativity.
4. Hypatia – a philosopher, astronomer, and mathematician, who lived in Egypt and was a prominent thinker who taught philosophy and astronomy and is widely regarded as the first recorded female mathematician.

Just let us know...

6 weeks of Summer is a long time. If important changes happen at home for your family, please let us know. You or your children may need to talk about these changes and we are here to help. Contact us via our email address and we will direct you to staff who will be best suited to support you.



KEEPING UP TO DATE

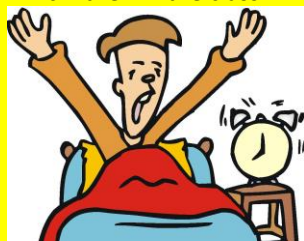
Use the school website, Facebook page and Parent Mail to keep up to date on all events and news during the school term.

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



Isambard Kingdom Brunel Primary School and IKB Reception Class September 2020

Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class.



Don't forget!!!



School gates open at 8:30am
School starts at 8:45am
School day ends at 3:15pm*

*as of Monday 21 September

Make sure your child has time for breakfast. Breakfast is indeed a very important meal. A good breakfast fuels you up and gets you ready for the day. In general, children who eat breakfast have more energy, do better in school, and eat healthier throughout the day. Without breakfast, children can get irritable, restless, and tired.



Dates for your diary

** Further dates will be coming later and more information will follow closer to the time regarding events below **

TERM 1	
Thursday 3 rd September	INSET day
Friday 4 th September	INSET day
Week of 7 th September	Reception home visit week
Friday 11 th September	Reception stay and play @ 14:15 for children and parents
Week of 14 th September	Reception part-time week (8:45 – 12:05)
Monday 21 st September	Reception full-time begins
Wednesday 23 rd September	National fitness day
Friday 2 nd October	Reception open morning for parents: 8:45 – 9:30 with Miss Fahy; 9:30 – 10:00 with Mr Healey
Wednesday 7 th October	Reception bedtime stories with parents: 14:45 – 15:15 in class with Miss Fahy
Thursday 8 th October	World mental health day
Thursday 22 nd October	Last day of term
Friday 23 rd October	INSET day
TERM 2	
Monday 2 nd November	Term 2 begins
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
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
Wednesday 18 th November	Parent Phonics workshops with Miss Fahy: 9:00 and 14:45
Thursday 17 th December	Last day of term
Friday 18 th December	INSET day

We are looking forward to a successful year and we cannot wait to start sharing all the successes of your children with you.
Mr Healey – IKB Headteacher