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Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With just 4 weeks left of the current academic year, curriculum events are coming thick and fast for our nursery and reception children and families, as well as our new families preparing to join us in September. We are really looking forward to celebrating all the varied successes of this academic year as well as sharing our transition events in preparation for September over the coming weeks. We have been thrilled with how well these events have been going to date and I'd personally like to thank everyone involved for their support of them during these still difficult times.



In IKB Bright Sparks our children have embraced new routines and are enjoying having extra space now that we are using both nursery rooms every morning. It has allowed us to provide more activities that are appropriate to specific age groups and we are trying to foster in our older children a sense of ownership of their room, where they take good care of toys and equipment. Our youngest children are also benefitting from having their own space, where they can settle, play and explore, without being overwhelmed by the older children. Outside is still a shared space, helping friendships to flourish.

With nursery children now going to the school hall for lunch each day, the nursery is continuing to feel more a part of the whole school IKB community. The children who will be going into reception in September are getting the chance to play with the current reception children after lunch each day to continue their own personal transitions. These children are becoming very familiar with the IKB teachers, staff and the environment which all helps towards a smoother switch when beginning the next academic year. All the children are really enjoying interacting with new adults and exploring more unfamiliar areas of the school. One child said happily this week: "Mrs Hawkins knows me, and so does Mr Healey!"

We have lots of new children joining IKB Bright Sparks all the time and enquiries for September and beyond are pouring in. Please give us plenty of notice if you have a child who wants to start with us, or if you want to change your child's sessions.

#### NatWest 'Money Talks' Workshops – "Talk, learn, do"

Teach your children about money

Talk, Learn, Do Register now!

At IKB we have teamed up with NatWest to support our families and our community with money advice for children. Parent/ carer workshops are available to book now for July (a range of times and dates are available – see the link below for more details). Money workshops for children in school will be happening in the next academic year.

[Home \(eventscld.com\)](https://www.eventscld.com) – please check these out!

This term our reception children have been taking part in our first 'Tri-Science' event – 3 whole days where they were immersed in science learning and knowledge linked to their term 6 topic 'Living and Growing'. Every child received their own caterpillar that they housed and fed to begin the process of metamorphosis into a butterfly. Since then, the children have been monitoring their development and ensuring that their caterpillars were ready for all the next stages in the process that followed. When the butterflies appear, all children will be involved in releasing them into the wild – a key life transition to help them all with their own transitions to Year 1 and the changes and differences ahead.



**Our IKB Attributes:**



- We are POSITIVE**
- We are ENGAGED**
- We are RESPONSIBLE**
- We are RESPECTFUL**
- We are RESILIENT**
- We RISE TO CHALLENGES**

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

Regrettably there are events that we had planned for parents and carers to learn alongside their children in term 6 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 6:

<b>TERM 6</b>	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	IKB reception sports day (weather dependent) + fruit kebab making – more information to follow Bright Sparks children will have sports activities throughout the week of Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Virtual bedtime story event for new reception children (Sept 2021) with Mr Healey and Miss Fahy from 18:00 – 18:45 – more information to follow.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school 'Moving Up' transition morning for current IKB nursery and reception children where they spend time in new classes. IKB families picnic from 13:30 – 15:00 – children and parents/ carers invited, inclusive of September new starter reception children – more information to follow.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School reports go out to parents/ carers.
Week of 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Knowledge organisers and class newsletters for term 1 (2021-22) to be sent home.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term 6.

As always, thank you for your continued trust and support. We greatly appreciate it. 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