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Dear Parents and Carers,

As August comes to a close and we are about to enter the month of September it is with great excitement to soon be opening our doors once again to embark on another academic year, our third as IKB Primary School. We are thrilled to welcome you back if you are an existing IKB parent/ carer and we are delighted to officially welcome you if your child is starting with us for the very first time next week.

For all Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 children school will be beginning on Monday 5th September. Nursery drop-offs and collections will be back to normal at the IKB Bright Sparks gate, close to our main site entrance gate, after the completion of construction work in the nursery over the Summer. IKB Bright Sparks is a hugely popular nursery setting in the area and we now have a waiting list. Enquiries for September and beyond are pouring in so 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. Entering and exiting the school building for Year 1 and Year 2 children will be around the back of the school, via the side gates next to the school hall and across the playground – class teachers and teaching assistants will be ready and waiting to greet you all upon arrival.

Our Reception children will be receiving home visits from their class teacher and teaching assistants during the week of 5th September (all appointments have been made and parents/ carers informed). Reception children will then have their part-time week during the week of 12th September, inclusive of staying for lunch between 12:00 - 13:00 on Friday 16th September, and begin full time (8:45 – 15:15) with us from Monday 19th September. If anyone has any questions regarding starting back at school, please do not hesitate to contact us via the email address or phone number above.



All parents/ carers were sent their Term 1 class newsletters and knowledge organisers before the Summer holidays to help families familiarise themselves with the staff, the topics, the learning, key vocabulary, etc that their children will be experiencing in Term 1. We really hope that you are finding these useful and that they are helping to generate positive conversations about school and learning within your households.

Upon your child's return/ start to IKB can we please ask that everything that belongs to them is labelled with their full names. Every day things inevitably get misplaced and it really does make things so much easier to locate and return to their rightful owner when they have a name in/ on. Please regularly check name tags and stickers that you label your child's things with too as we find that over time some do fall out. In terms of equipment, it is really important that the children have everything they need in school with them each day – book bags, packed lunch boxes (if necessary), reading books, reading records, coats, water bottles, etc. PE kits and wellies can be brought in on the first day of each half term and we will send them home at the end of every half term. Please can forest school clothes be brought in on your child's forest school day (Year 2 – Wednesday; Year 1 – Thursday; Reception – Friday). We again request that children do not attend school with back-packs every day as they take up too much space in our cloak rooms – if you do have any questions about any of these things then please ask your child's class teacher or teaching assistant who will be able to help you.

Our values at IKB align with those of The Castle Partnership Trust – The Castle School, Court Fields, Wellesley Park and IKB. We are so proud to be working alongside these other schools to provide such great opportunities for young people throughout the Wellington and Taunton areas. The Trust is founded on the principles of giving every child in our local

community the very highest education, to see themselves as successful, to participate in enrichment and learning and to be full citizens locally, regionally, nationally and globally. **At IKB: Every Child Achieves, Every Child Belongs, Every Child Participates.**

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At IKB we are also incredibly proud of our IKB Attributes – a set of 6 qualities that every member of our IKB community (children, staff, parents/ carers, stakeholders) demonstrate to ensure that we thrive as a learning community:



- We are POSITIVE** – in our relationships with others and the values that we share
- We are ENGAGED** – in our learning, our wider school activities and our community
- We are RESPONSIBLE** – for the way we conduct ourselves in school and amongst the community
- We are RESPECTFUL** – to everyone that we meet and to the property and resources that we share
- We are RESILIENT** – when things might not go the way we want and come back stronger
- We RISE TO CHALLENGES** – to learn more about ourselves and to strive for further achievement

** 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 has a timetabled slot.
Friday 9 th September	Reception stay and play from 13:00 – 15:00 – each child has a 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 8:50, 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 – this will be a focus in Tuesday and Wednesday PE sessions this week. Phonics Screening Check parent/ carer meetings for Year 1 with Miss Aldridge at 8:50 and 14:50.
Friday 23 rd September	Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – further info to follow regarding opting in.
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.
Wednesday 19 th October	Term 2 class newsletters and knowledge organisers being sent home.
Thursday 20 th October	Whole school Halloween dress up day + IKB Friends and Community Halloween disco after school.
Friday 21 st October	Last day of Term 1.
Week of 24 th October	IKB Bright Sparks open as normal.
Monday 31 st October	Staff INSET day – school and nursery both closed.
Tuesday 1 st November	Staff INSET day – school and nursery both closed.
Wednesday 2 nd November	First day of Term 2 for school and nursery.

We cannot wait to see you all again! Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher