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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 1 is complete and what an incredible first term of school it has been for all our children. Beginning school at an alternative setting was not what any of us had in mind for September, however all IKB staff have been so impressed by the resilience and engagement of all our children to embrace the challenge and make the most of all the learning opportunities on offer. From making bread like the Little Red Hen and experiencing the world through the 5 senses, to learning about how all families are different and designing and constructing our own houses. We even found time to get creative and celebrate Halloween in our own unique IKB way!



Don't forget!!!



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

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.



At this time of year with darker mornings and evenings road safety becomes even more important. Check out 'Teaching Road Safety: A Parents Guide' at

<https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Term 2 begins on Monday 2nd November and we cannot wait to welcome you to our new IKB site at Longforth Farm.

Some important housekeeping to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible:

- With growing numbers of Covid cases both nationally and regionally please can all parents/ carers continue to wear facemasks whilst on our IKB site and maintain social distancing. Thank you in advance for this.
- Keeping us up-to-date with any Covid positive test information is very important – if anyone in your household or support bubble tests positive, please contact us immediately on office@ikbschool.co.uk with as much detail as possible.
- Look out for myself and Mrs Hawkins on the first morning as we will be able to direct you to pick up and drop off points.
- Please check out our IKB travel plan that is being sent to you with this newsletter detailing all our school travel information and one-way system.
- Please can all children come to school with a coat and water bottle each day.
- Please bring in a pair of wellies for your child that we can keep in school as every Friday the children will be learning in our forest school.
- Please continue to practice your key words and read every day with your child at home.
- You will receive the term 2 Knowledge Organiser and Class Newsletter, giving an understanding of what the children will be learning about next term. Please check them out and begin introducing the new vocabulary to your children.

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

Regrettably there are events that we had planned for parents and carers to learn alongside their children in term 2 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 2:

TERM 2	
Monday 2 nd November	Term 2 begins with a WOW day to introduce the children to their new topic learning!
Week of 2 nd November	Distanced parent tours and Tapestry workshops – all parents have received time slots and info
Wednesday 4 th November	Local PCSO at IKB to visit the children
Friday 6 th November	Poppy making activity for children – unfortunately parents/ carers no longer able to attend
Monday 9 th November	School photo day
Tuesday 10 th November	Parents Evening (socially distanced) – more info to follow
Wednesday 11 th November	Parents Evening (socially distanced) – more info to follow
Wednesday 11 th November	PE session for children and parents with Mr Healey postponed until a later date
Thursday 12 th November	Portakabin builders in to talk to children about their new build
Week of 16 th November	Anti-bullying week + Road safety week
Wednesday 18 th November	Parent Phonics workshops with Miss Fahy will now be virtual – more info to follow
Friday 20 th November	Odd socks day for Down’s syndrome awareness
Wednesday 2 nd December	Reception bed time stories for children – unfortunately parents/ carers no longer able to attend
Thursday 10 th December	Xmas dinner day – children can wear Xmas outfits to school if they wish to
Friday 11 th December	Flu vaccinations
Friday 11 th December	Xmas jumper day – we are asking children to bring a small donation or food for the homeless
Tuesday 15 th December	Provisional Xmas performance day – monitoring in line with Covid guidance – more info to follow
Thursday 17 th December	Last day of term – children posting letters to Santa
Friday 18 th December	INSET day
Monday 4 th January	Term 3 begins with a new topic WOW day!

Everyone at IKB hopes that you enjoy a wonderful half term break with your children, families and loved ones. It has been a difficult year all round so these opportunities to reset and recharge are essential to us all. Thank you for your ongoing support and for your patience. Beginning at our new site will be different for every child and transition may take longer for some – this is completely natural. If you have any concerns or worries then please do not hesitate to contact us at office@ikbschool.co.uk so that we can meet the needs of all.

Thank you everyone for buying into everything we are doing at IKB. It has created a sense of togetherness and community that we believe will form the foundations of IKB for years and years to come and ensure it becomes a hub of our community.

Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher.