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Dear parents and carers,

What an amazing first week at IKB last week was! There was lots of **positivity** and **respect** shown throughout the community; the children came into school with smiles on Wednesday and continued through the week (despite the rain), new staff felt very welcomed and **rose to the challenge** of learning the amazing ways of IKB and parents and carers were **positive** and supportive. I feel very fortunate to have joined such a great school so thank you for creating that atmosphere and welcoming me!

I will continue with the tradition of a half termly newsletter but wanted to send one early in the term with dates for this calendar year to help you with planning. I will send dates out for the rest of the academic year soon. Please do speak to me on the gate or email the school if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns about the dates.

On that note, I really do value the views of the children, staff, parents and carers so aim to gather these formally and more informally through the year. It is very important to me that school and parents/carers have an open, transparent relationship so we can make school the best it can be for children who attend IKB. There is an opportunity to learn more about how we manage behaviour in school that I wanted to make you aware of...

Parent workshops

- On Thursday 19th September, there are two opportunities to learn about how we manage behaviour and relationships at IKB. This will be a session in the hall with me focusing on restorative justice and emotion coaching. All parents are welcome but should be aware that this is not a different method than previously used at IKB. We will continue this well-researched and effective method that children are used to.

Each session will last around 20 minutes and will look briefly at the research behind restorative practices, how it is designed to support children's long-term development and what this looks like at IKB. There will be a presentation from myself but also an opportunity to discuss this and ask any questions.

The sessions are at 8:50am and 2:45pm – I hope to see you there.

I also wanted to just send a few reminders about school expectations to help children to remain **resilient** through the day;

Snacks

- Key Stage 1 and Reception children will be provided with a mid-morning snack. We would kindly ask that you do not give your child a snack as we have a range of snacks to offer. Please have a conversation with your child's teacher if you have any concerns about this or your child has any specific dietary requirements.
- Key Stage 2 children should have **fruit** or a **fruit-based snack** only. Other snacks will be discouraged and we feel it is important they have something to keep their energy levels up through the morning. Again, please do speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about this or there are any specific dietary requirements.

Coats

- Please make sure your child has a raincoat in school. We aim for the children to be outside as often as possible and want them to be comfortable if there is light rain and not disappointed if they cannot join friends outside.

Dates

- Each week, we will have a focus in Monday's assembly; try asking your child the questions each week to see what they think!

N.B. All dates subject to change

Week 2 focus	Respect – what does it mean? Why do I have to show it? How do I show it?
Mon 9 – Wed 11 Sept	Reception part-time - until 12pm
Thurs 12 Sept	Reception part-time - until 1pm including lunch
Fri 13 Sept	Reception in full time

Week 3 focus	Positivity – how can I be positive when I can't do something?
Mon 16 Sept	Reception full time week, inclusive of topic WOW days Reception WAC starts Mark Carter visit to Year 1 with the teddy bear hospital - Chn to bring in teddy
Tues 17 Sept	Phonics Screening Check workshop for parents with KA and GS (8:50 + 14:50) Year 2 NSPCC In-school Workshop at 1.30pm
Wed 18 sept	National Fitness day – focus within PE lessons this week - PE subject lead
Thurs 19 Sept	Behaviour and Restorative Justice parent workshops @ 8:50am and 2.45pm
Fri 20 Sept	International Dot Day (Dress in dotty attire if you wish)

Week 4 focus	Being engaged – how do I know if I'm engaged? Why is this important?
Mon 23 Sept	Yr 4 Residential Autumn Live National Mastering Number online workshops: Year 2 13:10 – 14.20; Reception 14.30 – 15.40; Year One 15.50 – 17.00. Zoom link to follow.
Fri 27 Sept	Flu jabs for children YR and above

Week 5 focus	Harvest – how can we help others that are in need and be respectful?
Mon 30 th Sept	Food bank donations – more information to follow

Week 6 focus	Mental Health linked to World Mental Health Day What is mental health? Why is it important? How do I stay positive and mentally healthy?
Mon 7 Oct	IKB Bright Sparks Wonderful Week
Wed 9 Oct	Year 2 trip to Allerford Victorian Museum, Minehead
Thurs 10 Oct	World Mental Health Day

Week 7 focus	Black History Month – why is it celebrated? How can we show respect to others?
Fri 18 Oct	Fabulous Friday for YR – Y4 from 2:40 – 3:10pm

Week 8 focus	Resilience – how can I keep going when things are challenging?
Fri 25 Oct	Halloween dress up day and IKBFC Halloween disco after school Last day of Term 1

HALF TERM – Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Week 9 focus	Bonfire Safety – how can I keep myself safe on Fireworks Night? Who is responsible for my safety?
Mon 4 Nov	First day back Term 2 and whole school WOW days to launch topics
Fri 8 Nov	Individual child school photo day IKB

Week 10 focus	Anti Bullying Week – what is bullying and how can I stop it? How can I be resilient and responsible with others?
Tues 12 Nov	Parent/ Carer Evenings
Wed 13 Nov	Parent/ Carer Evenings World Kindness Day
Thurs 14 Nov	Phonics workshop for parents/ carers with KA @ 8:50 + 2:45pm
Fri 15 Nov	Children in Need + Whole school 'wear your pyjamas to school' day: YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 + 4 bedtime stories from 14:35

Week 11 focus Mon 18 Nov	National Road Safety week – what dangers are there near me on the road? Who is responsible for my safety?
Week 12 focus Thurs 28 Nov	Being responsible – why is it important? How can I be responsible in school? Reception post box visit with letters for Santa
Week 13 focus Fri 6 Dec	Advent – what can we learn about positivity and respect from the Christmas story? IKBFC Xmas fair @ 3:15pm
Week 14 focus Fri 13 Dec	Online safety – how can I be safe and responsible online? Nursery Xmas performance @ 9:15 – Xmas songs IKB and OG Whole school Xmas Jumper day + Xmas dinner day
Week 15 focus	12 days of Christmas – an IKB tradition!
Tues 17 Dec	IKB Reception Xmas performance @ 9:15 + 2:30pm – lunch in classrooms Yr1+2 Dress rehearsal at 10.15am. (Early breaktime)
Wed 18 Dec	Year 1 + Year 2 Xmas performance @ 9:15 + 2:15pm – lunch in classrooms T3 class newsletters and knowledge organisers home
Thurs 19 Dec	Father Christmas visiting IKB pm - TOP SECRET – Please do not tell the children. Class parties pm Y1 Panto@ Tachhi Morris – GS
Fri 20 Dec	Last day of Term 2

Have a great Autumn term!

Kind regards,
Mr Wootton