

Newsletter – 18 September 2009

It was very pleasing to see so many of you attending the **Curriculum briefing meetings** yesterday and we trust that everyone found them to be useful and interesting. If you were not able to attend then you should be receiving a copy of the handouts produced for the evening. Please contact your child's class teacher if you do not have a copy.

Last week I omitted to mention the roles of the new PTA committee which are as follows

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| Helle McDermott | Chair |
| Anne Catuogno | Vice Chair |
| Hettie Judah | Secretary |
| Claire Goodier | Treasurer |
| Sheetal Khot | Social Secretary |

Don't forget that the **next PTA meeting** will be on Tuesday 13th October at 19.30 in the Junior Department.

Also coming up soon on Sunday 27th September at 14.00 we will be enjoying a **Walk in the Woods**. The start will be at the south western end of Ringlaan in Tervuren, and the walk will last about two hours, see http://maps.google.be/maps?f=d&source=s_d&saddr=&daddr=50.815871,4.511604&hl=en&geocode=&mra=mi&mrsp=0&sz=14&sll=50.815968,4.511433&sspn=0.025976,0.077248&ie=UTF8&ll=50.819954,4.511518&spn=0.012987,0.038624&z=15

for the precise location. Please wear comfortable shoes suitable for walking and we do not recommend bring pushchairs or buggies. We look forward to seeing you there and having another great day out for everyone.

The evening to discuss **the progress of individual children** will be at a specific meeting for this on Thursday, November 5th between 16.00 and 19.00.

Don't forget that Sunday 20th September will be No-Car-Day in Brussels between 09.00 and 19.00. This is an initiative that the school is very happy to promote as we are constantly encouraging the use of **environmentally friendly transport methods** (bicycles, public transport etc.) for people to travel to and from school. Well over half of our children now travel to and from school by public transport, walking, bicycle or school minibus. As well as this there are several individual occurrences of car sharing and this all goes to help both the smooth flow of Brussels traffic as well as the environment.

On Thursday 15th October we shall be holding an information evening for parents of Year 6 children to outline and discuss the **choices available for secondary education** throughout the Brussels region. We look forward to seeing you then if you

are shortly to be considering where to place your child after they have completed their time at BISB.

As far as we know the school has not experienced a case of Mexican flu (via the H1N1 virus) although it can be a relatively mild infection so we cannot be sure. Also the infection spreads very easily (which is why it has been categorized as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation) and so a case could occur at any time. The current advice is simply to follow common sense precautions to reduce the chance of spreading the infection. It is very important to **keep your child at home if he or she shows flu symptoms** (fever, runny nose, sore throat, aching muscles, headache etc.) and also maintain good hygiene practice namely regular hand washing with soap and water, use a tissue when coughing or sneezing and dispose of the tissue promptly in a bin. We will update you about what else may be required if it becomes necessary so please ensure that the school has up to date e-mail addresses and phone numbers for your family.

Please note that if you are leaving BISB at the end of this term then the **90 day deadline** for us to receive written notice of your departure which is required for the return of your refundable deposit, is tomorrow Saturday 19th September.

And finally this week's thought for the week is

“Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow”.

- Mark Twain