

Newsletter – 5th March 2010

This week we are starting to issue **invoices** for the first, non-refundable 10% of the 2010/11 year's school fees. The deadline of 90 days for giving written notice of any departure before September is Saturday, 3rd April and so these invoices are being dated for payment by April 5th. Please make sure that you have either paid the invoice or, if you are in an uncertain situation, contacted the school office by April 5th to inform us about your circumstances.

On Monday evening there will be the next meeting of the PTA and this will be taking place in the Junior department at 19.30, when we shall be discussing the Talent Show amongst other things.

To aid the Year 2 children's **familiarisation process for next year** when they become Year 3, our current Year 2 will spend the Rippledown House week of March 22nd to 26th working in the Junior department in Avenue Emeraude. They will be there with Mrs Vetter for that week and so they should be dropped off and picked up at the Junior department in Avenue Emeraude rather than at the Infant department in Avenue Emile Max.

The PTA social tomorrow has unfortunately had to be cancelled as there were insufficient numbers of parents scheduled to attend the **Wine Tasting Evening** which was to have been held at 'Crush' the Australian wine cellar

If there are any families who wish to change their **school minibus requirements** for next academic year then please contact the school office.

We ask all of our parents who **pay fees by domiciliation** to make 10 payments through the year and in the ten months leading up to and including February each year. Therefore the majority of parents, apart from those who joined the school later than May 2009, have now completed their monthly domiciliation payments for this school year. At the moment we consider that it is important to avoid denying a place to an applying family only to find out later that an existing family didn't really want the place after all. Accordingly we are intending to activate the first 2010/11 domiciliation payment on April 5th. **If you do not want to confirm your requirement for a 2010/11 school place by making this domiciliation payment then please provide written notice of departure at the end of this academic year by Saturday, 3rd April or otherwise inform the school office of the uncertainty of your situation.** For parents paying this domiciliation in April their second payment will be in June (missing out May) and then there will be 8 further monthly

payments lasting until February 2011, as normal. This means that any unconfirmed places will be clarified sooner and these can be offered to an applying family until we get to the last available place. It is at this point that the existing family would have to decide whether to make the 10% payment or relinquish the place.

The children in both sections of the school have had a lot of fun with **Book Week** this week and especially today with the dressing up day in school. As promised here are the answers to the quizzes that many of the children completed.

| No. | Infants | Juniors |
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| 1 | The Gruffallo | Hermione & Ron |
| 2 | The dark | The Dormouse |
| 3 | They weren't big enough | Mice |
| 4 | Octopus | Lemony Snicket |
| 5 | Spot | E.B. White |
| 6 | Glass slippers | Roald Dahl |
| 7 | 7 | A.A. Milne |
| 8 | Bricks | A horse |
| 9 | 100 | Aslan |
| 10 | Rumpelstiltskin | Eoin Colfer |
| 11 | Little Red Riding Hood | Bremen |
| 12 | question missed out | Bagheera |
| 13 | Sweden | Dr Seuss |
| 14 | An apple | Michael Bond |
| 15 | Christopher Robin | Snowy |
| 16 | Snowy | Saraman |

The school has entered 2 teams (now called Team-1 and Team-2) in the "Lions Club of Brussels Heraldic" 27th **Swimathon (Splash 2010)**

<http://www.lionsheraldic.net/Splash.htm> . We have nearly 20 enthusiastic children and parents swimming in these 2 teams. Money raised in this event goes to help three deserving charities: **HAIM** in Namur, a residential centre for 90 mentally handicapped adults, as well as **WOUDLUCHT** , a school near Leuven which helps children with special needs. and finally **NF KONTACT** which helps children (12-18 years) who suffer from neurofibromatosis (NF) to re-integrate into society. You can click on the links for more information. If you want to show your support and sponsor a team or an individual, please hand in your sponsorship money to one of the swimmers or to the school office in a sealed envelop with your name and the team (Team-1 or Team-2) you want to sponsor. Every Euro helps! We thank you in advance for your generosity.

We have received many details of acts for the **Talent show in March** but there is still time to register your interest. The acts can be anything you wish but should be limited to around 3 minutes per act. If your children are intending to perform then entry forms have been distributed already but you can also contact the school office (by

form or e-mail) by Monday March 8th before the talent show itself which is taking place on Sunday March 14th

This week's star pupils of the week were

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| Reception | Akul for great effort in learning his sounds |
| Year 1 | Amadou for settling in so well into our class |
| Year 2 | Luísa for good effort in learning English |
| Year 3 | Charlotte for being gentle |
| Year 4 | Jacob for being so good at the History museum |
| Year 5 | Tanvi for working hard on her literacy target |
| Year 6 | Najib for finishing his maths work in the timescale given. |

And finally this week's thought for Book Week is

“Words, once they are printed, have a life of their own”.

- Carol Burnett