

## Newsletter – 4 March 2016

This has been a very hectic week in school with **several members of staff away throughout the week** reaching a peak of 4 members of staff being away on Friday. It is therefore very important that if children are away from school then they are free of any raised temperature for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please note in your diaries that on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April we shall be holding our **Spring Craft & Coffee Morning**, which will be from 10.00 – 12.00 in the infant department. This will again provide fun activities for the children and also be a social event for parents.

Please note that if you are leaving at the end of the summer term the **deadline of 90 days for giving written notice of departure** falls on Friday 1st April. This is during the Easter holiday and is 90 days before Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, the last day of the summer term.

Could we remind parents that we always advise that **children should be eating healthily** during their time at school? We have noted an increase in the number of sugary items that a few children are bringing to school as part of their snack and lunch. We do not allow items including chocolate to be brought to school but even though we do not ban items such as cake, biscuits and waffles we do recommend that they not be included. Instead we would suggest some items of fruit or vegetables which can be pre-cut if required.

Please don't forget that every Friday morning there is a **parents' coffee morning** held in the Junior department library at 09.00 and this is a great social occasion. It also gives parents an opportunity to change their library book in the Parents and teachers section of the library.

Year 5 will be enjoying an **exciting trip to the Forest museum** on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March. This will involve some map n' compass work on their way through the Forest to get there.

**BISB will once again be participating in 'Splash 2016'** the Brussels Lions Club Swimarathon, on Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> at Omnisport Neder-over-Heembeek Sports Centre, Rue du lombardsijdestraat, 120, 1120 - Neder-over-Heembeek. Please see

<http://lionsheraldic.net/splash/welcome-splash-0> for more details. If you want to take part (children and / or parents) then please send an email into the school office saying that you want to take part. BISB is having 3 swimming lanes this year which is more than we have ever had before.

The **talk topic homeworks** for next week are as follows:-

- For Nursery Why do farmers drive tractors? What is the job of the tractor on the farm?’
- For Reception What do you know about how to care for and look after a baby correctly?
- For Year 1 What can you find at home that is made of paper? How do you think paper is made?
- For Year 2 What legends do you know from our own country?
- For Year 3 If you were writing a book for your classmates, what would it be about?
- For Year 4 How can you be a good friend? What are the key elements of being a good friend? “
- For Year 5 What do you think the forest will be like? What will you see?
- For Year 6 Was Frank Hurley right to return to the sinking Endurance to recover his photographs?

At the **next meeting of the BISB Book Club** we shall be looking at "A Married Man" by Catherine Alliott. This is supposed to be a humorous book which will be light reading after Emporess Cixi. If anyone wants to be included in the school book order of "A Married Man" please email the office by Monday 7th March.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Gaja for confidently demonstrating techniques during swimming  
George for his ever increasing reading confidence.
- Year 1 Rohan for working hard to produce very neat handwriting.  
Otis for excellent swimming and super spelling.
- Year 2 Ayan and Ameet for excellent, unaided teamwork and creativity in making their animal home poster
- Year 3 Yatin for working hard at Maths
- Year 4 Ameya for making good improvement in his handwriting skills
- Year 5 Ishika for fantastic composition, recital and song-writing
- Year 6 Adhi for excellent work on Pythagoras' Theorem - Adhi's work is always beautifully presented

And finally this week's thought for the week is:-

“Hope doesn't come from calculating whether the good news is winning out over the bad. It's simply a choice to take action”.

- Anna Lappe.

### Spring Term 2016

Thursday 10th March -	Year 5 trip - Forest Walk with map n compass to Forest museum
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Splash 2016 Charity Swim – Whole School
Tuesday 15th March	Year 6 visit to the National Bank of Belgium
Thursday 17th March pm	Year 5 Fieldwork trip to Woluwe Watermill (By bike)

### Summer Term 2016

Saturday 16th April 10.00 – 12.00	Spring Craft & Coffee Morning in the infant department
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 29th April	Year 4, 5 and 6 children Residential week at Rippledawn House, UK
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 17.00	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Production De Lijsterbes Theatre

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2015 / 2016

**Autumn Term**

**Tuesday, September 1, 2015**

**Start of Autumn Term**

Monday, October 26, 2015  
- Friday, October 30, 2015

Half Term  
Break

Friday, November 6, 2015

School Closed - Staff Training Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

School Closed - Public Holiday  
Armistice Day

**Friday, December 18, 2015 at 12.15**

**End of Autumn Term**

**Spring Term**

**Tuesday, January 5, 2016**

**Start of Spring Term**

Monday, February 8, 2016  
- Friday, February 12, 2016

Half Term  
Break

**Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 15.30**

**End of Spring Term**

Monday, April 11, 2016  
Day

School Closed - Staff Training

**Summer Term**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

**Start of Summer Term**

Thursday, May 5, 2016  
Friday, May 6 2016

Ascension Public Holiday  
Half Term Holiday

Monday, May 16, 2016

Pentecost Holiday

**Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 15.30**

**End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016