

Please don't forget that the school will be closed on Monday 16th May for the **Pentecost National Holiday**. The school will re-open as normal on Tuesday.

As an exciting follow up to our Year 4, 5 and 6 children's visit for their **week at Rippledown House**, the School Council are now busy co-ordinating the production of a DVD showing all of the fun and excitement from the whole week. They are planning to have completed this by later this month so the version should be on sale soon. Please let the school office know if you want to buy a copy and haven't yet had a chance to place your order. The School Council are planning to put any money made from the venture towards more fish and ornaments for the Junior Department fish tank.

Next week BISB is holding its **Environment week**. We shall be looking at various environmental problems and what we can do to help solve them. The themes of this week will be 'Water' throughout the Infant department and 'Recycling' in the Junior department.

We are going to be welcoming **the author Sue Purkiss** <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Sue-Purkiss/e/B0034OUYA0> who will be visiting the Junior Department next week, probably on Wednesday

BISB is going to participate in the next **Belgian International Schools' Sports Day**, which will take place on Friday 27th May. (This will be on 10th June if the weather in May is unfavourable). This will take place at St Pauls' British Primary School in Vossem and we shall be fielding a 6 person netball team and a 6 person football team.

Another highlight of the summer term is the Fifteen15 class **cricket competition** that takes place every Wednesday lunchtime throughout May in the Junior department. Parents are not able to spectate for these but they are very welcome to come along to the Asia V Europe Cricket matches being held on Monday 30th May and Monday 6th June from 15:25 to 17.30.

Mrs Mayeur, **our Music teacher**, has unfortunately been forced to rest and has had to commence her maternity leave several weeks earlier than she planned. We all wish her well and look forward to her return next school year.

Please note that **swimming sessions start for Year 6** on Thursday so they will need their swimming things as usual.

We shall be celebrating our **annual International Day on Saturday 28th May** this year. This is when we celebrate the international diversity of the school with a taste of many of the 30 or so nations represented at BISB. This

can be literally via national food and drink or national costumes, music, posters, whatever you wish. If you are thinking of helping out with or organising your national stall then please drop us an e-mail to the school office. If you are travelling back to your country in the next couple of weeks then this could give you an opportunity to obtain items for your country's stall.

We are all wishing good luck to **our children in Year 6 who have qualified for the Belgium Finals of the Maths and Logic Puzzle Championships, 2016** to be held in Mouscron in tomorrow. We are the only international school to have children reaching this level and so this is amazing news and congratulations must go to Aalaap, Alakananda and Kiran who have done extremely well. They are carrying the banner for the Junior department and the high standards that the teachers and many of the children continue to achieve there.

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.

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

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| For Nursery | Why do we need a sunhat? |
| For Reception | During the 4 seasons of the year what changes can you see in your environment? |
| For Year 1 | What is your favourite minibeast (insect) and why? |
| For Year 2 | What is the highest number? Can you prove your answer? |
| For Year 3 | Discuss ways in which you can help to improve the environment. |
| For Year 4 | Why is it important to be kind and caring towards each other?" |
| For Year 5 | What are the 3 best ways to get your pulse as high as possible? Why these? And how could you do this once a week? |
| For Year 6 | Who is Jackie Chan? |

If you are likely to be **leaving school before the last day of this term** i.e. Thursday June 30th then please inform the school as soon as possible of your travel plans.

At the **next meeting of the BISB Book Club** which will be on Wednesday June 8th at 20.00. We shall be looking at "The Miniaturist" by Jessie Burton. This is a story of a young woman in 17th century Amsterdam. If anybody

wants a copy to be purchased along with other club members then please let us know by email to the school office by next Tuesday.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Anum for showing kindness and consideration at lunch time.
Thomas for his thoughtfulness about the feelings of others.
- Year 1 Rohan for good sorting and counting of coins in our Year 1 bank.
Wahed for good work with finding halves of shapes in maths.
- Year 2 Maanas for taking particular care with his art work.
Tala for some very good progress in mathematics.
- Year 3 Mayank for writing excellent sentences using connectives.
- Year 4 Shaariq for trying his very best in school.
- Year 5 Ishika for outstanding computer aided design and spatial awareness
- Year 6 Aalaap for showing maturity whilst dealing with a challenging situation in the playground. I am very proud of you!

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

“Management is nothing more than motivating other people”.

- Lee Iacocca

Summer Term 2016

Tuesday May 10 th	Parents Consultation Evening
Wednesday May 11 th	Parents Consultation Evening
w/c Tuesday May 17 th	Environment Week
Saturday May 28 th 12.00 – 14.30 in Infant Dept	International Day
Monday 30 th May from 15:25 to 17.30	1 st Asia V Europe Cricket match
Monday 6 th June from from 15:25 to 17.30	2 nd Asia V Europe Cricket match
Wednesday June 8 th at 20.00	BISB Book Club looking at "The Miniaturist" by Jessie Burton
Monday 13 th June 17.00	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Production of Wind in the Willows De Lijsterbes Theatre
Wednesday 22 nd June 11.30	Nursery & Reception show
Thursday 23 rd June 14.30	Year 1 and Year 2 show
Thursday 30 th June	Last day of Term

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2015 / 2016

Autumn Term

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

Start of Autumn Term

Monday, October 26, 2015

Half Term

- Friday, October 30, 2015

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

Half Term

- Friday, February 12, 2016

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

Ascension Public Holiday

Friday, May 6 2016

Half Term Holiday

Monday, May 16, 2016

Pentecost Holiday

Thursday June 30th 2016 at 15.30

End of Summer Term

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Thursday, September 1st, 2016