

## Newsletter – 09 September 2016

On Tuesday evening next week (Tuesday 13th September at 19.00 in both buildings) there will be a **Curriculum briefing evening** for parents to find out about what their child will be learning during the year. This is for all children **apart from the Nursery children** who have already had their briefing. Please note that the briefing is not appropriate for children and therefore they should not be attending this evening. Parents should go to the department building where their child's class is located.

If parents need to see a teacher then this is best done by making an appointment beforehand by email. Teachers are obviously busy teaching during the day but this year appointments for the following times:-

Nursery	Mrs Davies	Wednesday	08.30 – 09.00
Reception	Mrs Irakoze	Tuesdays	09.05 – 09.45
Year 1	Mrs Rutayisire	Tuesdays	09.45 - 10.20
Year 2	Mrs Vetter	Monday	13:15 – 13.45
Year 3	Mrs Still	Monday	13.55 – 14.40
Year 4	Mr Stedman	Friday	09:05 – 09.45
Year 5	Mrs Godwin	Wednesday	09:05 – 09:45
Year 6	Mrs Tranter	Wednesday	09.05 – 09.45

We are intending to hold our first large scale social event this year which will be our **Walk in the Woods**. This will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 14.00 and details about the location will be circulated nearer the time.

The **information about after school activities** has been circulated this week and if you haven't yet received it then please contact the school office.

For those who wish to have more detail about some of them the Dance activity for Reception and Year 1 children is being run by an external teacher who will be aiming through Dance to create a playful and enjoyable time for the child through different learning activity games.

The drama club is geared towards the lamda examinations in the Spring term and you can see <https://www.lamda.org.uk/examinations> for more information.

There is also the possibility of learning piano at BISB on Tuesday or Thursday and we are also proposing the start of an after school activity club in Hindi. If this might be of interest to you then please let the school office know.

**If your child is away from school for illness** or for any other reason then we would appreciate receiving a short email explaining the situation. In this way we can see if there are any communicable illnesses in the school community.

Many thanks to all of the families who have **completed the electronic contact details** but if you are yet to return them to the school office could we ask that you do so as soon as possible please?

Some parents may not be aware of how we use the **Talk Topics** that are described each Friday in the Newsletter. All we hope is that you can spare about 10 – 15 minutes during the weekend to spend with your child discussing the talk topic. It is a great opportunity for parents to be involved in the child's language development. This is simply a discussion task where nothing needs to be written or memorised. It is a chance to develop the children's language and vocabulary skills and then later in the week they share their ideas in class. The aim is to actively encourage the development of their listening and talking skills in order to develop children's writing ability in the future. This can be in your own language if the child is still learning English but we are, of course, working towards carrying this out in English.

The **weekly Coffee mornings** are now held every Friday at 09.00 in the Junior department library. This week's attendance was excellent and we do hope that you can come along in the future if you weren't able to come along today. This will also give you a chance to change your library books from the large selection of books in English for parents and teachers.

The **School Photograph day** will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October this year. Therefore we expect that all children will be able to attend school as normal on that day. There will be an opportunity afterwards to buy photographs taken then, including, individual, class and school photographs.

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

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| For Nursery   | What did you like best about Nursery this week?   |
| For Reception | What do you want to be when you are older?  |
| For Year 1    | Describe the house or apartment where you live.   |
| For Year 2    | Which animal would you like to be and why?  |
| For Year 3    | When walking in the city what things can you see that you don't always take the time to notice? |
| For Year 4    | Which fairy tale character would you most like to have a playdate with and why?                 |
| For Year 5    | What skills are required to be a Paralympian?   |
| For Year 6    | Which disguise would you choose as a secret agent and why?                                      |

Please feel free to suggest a book for **the BISB Book Club** to read as the first book of the autumn term. We will confirm the book later in September and then circulate the date of the first meeting so that both new and old members can come along.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Anisha for working excellently with numbers to 20.  
Vihan for producing very neat and careful work
- Year 1 Tharun for a super retelling of the story 'On the sand' in our first Big Writing lesson.  
Saumya for being so helpful and kind in the playground.
- Year 2 Wahed for a very good start to the school year.  
Anjali for being kind and helpful.
- Year 3 Dev for being very kind to other children, both in the classroom and in the playground.
- Year 4 Rose for stupendous storytelling and fairytale knowledge.
- Year 5 Rikhil for returning to school with a good attitude towards his learning and being always willing to give things a go.
- Year 6 Abhiram for his enthusiasm in completing the Primary Chinese online activities - what a terrific start! Well done.

Please let us know as soon as possible **if you think that you may be leaving in this autumn term** i.e. any time up till December 2016. The 90 day deadline for the end of this term for written notice of departure, after which deposits will not be refunded, will fall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

For all those families **paying fees by Domiciliation** each month please note that the target date for the amounts to be taken from your account is always the 3rd of each month. For families making their first domiciliation payment there is always a slight delay as the bank process and enter the new information.

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

“Forget injuries, never forget kindnesses”.

- Confucius

## Autumn Term 2016

Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

Start of Autumn Term

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 10.00 – 12.00

Welcome Coffee Morning

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 19.00  
In Infant & Junior departments

Curriculum Briefing

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

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2016 / 2017

**Autumn Term**

**Thursday, September 1, 2016**

**Start of Autumn Term**

Friday, October 28, 2016      School Closed - Staff Training Day

Monday, October 31, 2016      Half Term  
- Friday, November 4, 2016      Break

Friday, November 11, 2016      School Closed - Public Holiday  
Armistice Day

**Friday, December 16, 2016 at 12.15**

**End of Autumn Term**

**Spring Term**

**Wednesday, January 4, 2017**

**Start of Spring Term**

Monday, February 27, 2017      Half Term  
- Friday, March 3, 2017      Break

**Friday, March 31, 2017 at 12.15**

**End of Spring Term**

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

School Closed - Staff Training Day

**Summer Term**

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

**Start of Summer Term**

Monday, May 1, 2017      May Day Public Holiday

Thursday, May 25, 2017      Ascension Public Holiday  
Friday, May 26 2017      Half Term Holiday

Monday, June 5, 2017      Pentecost Holiday

**Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 12.15**

**End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017