

## Newsletter – 6 January 2017

We would like to welcome everybody back at the start of this new year and on behalf of all of the staff at BISB we would like to wish everybody a **Happy New Year** and may you and your family enjoy a prosperous 2017.

Our **after school activities** will be starting next week and you should already have received the information about them by e-mail and by letter. If you wish your child to participate in an after school activity, then please respond to the school office and similarly if you have not yet received the information contact the school office straight away.

Please note that all current LAMDA candidates should sign up to the drama club and only then will we be sure if there will be space for any others. Also the Creative Dance class will not be taking place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January nor Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

If any child wishes to start or continue **piano or violin lessons** in school then please feel free to contact the school office as we have teachers who are able to come into school to teach individual children. Parents may wish to look at the link below to understand how children benefit from music lessons in many ways. <https://mic.com/articles/108022/science-just-discovered-something-amazing-about-what-childhood-piano-lessons-did-to-you#.FKzMyk50x>

**Next Thursday** our Year 4, 5 and 6 classes will be going for Tennis and swimming lessons and so our Year 3 class will be taking advantage of the transport to visit the park near the sports centre for a nature ramble.

We are now confirming the travel and accommodation reservations for the **Year 4, 5 and 6 children to go to the residential week at Rippledown House** in the UK (see <http://rippledown.com/> for more information. They will be there for the week of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May and if there is any reason why anybody in these classes will not be able to attend then we need to know now. There will be no charge to parents for the trip as all of the costs are being covered within the school budget. It is therefore very important that we know straight away if there is anybody not going as we do not want to pay for tickets that are not going to be used. Accordingly could every parent with a child in Years 4, 5 or 6 please send an email into the school office confirming that their child will be going on this trip? Please note that non-EU children do NOT need a UK visa to go on this trip as there is a Europe wide agreement between countries for such school trips.

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 next meeting of the BISB book club** will be held on Wednesday 11th January 2017. We have chosen to read and review 'Cold Comfort Farm' by Stella Gibbons. This is a very funny book and if you want to join in then you can order a book from one of the many online suppliers.

Everyone is very welcome to attend even if you haven't read the book as you can come along to enjoy the evening and help suggest a book for the following meeting.

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

"I have enough money to last me the rest of my life, unless I buy something".

- Jackie Mason

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