

Newsletter – 20 January 2017

The weather will continue cold throughout next week, but not as cold as this week has been. Even so, this means that it is still important that all children come to school with a warm coat, gloves, a hat and a scarf. Thank you to all those parents who have made sure that their children are properly dressed for the weather. The weather will continue to be dry so children will continue going outside to the playground as normal.

We would once again urge all parents to make a determined effort to ensure that they **reach school on time, which is before 09.00**. If you travel by bus and you are regularly arriving around 09.05 then you should be aiming to catch the earlier bus to avoid your child's start to their school day being disrupted. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

We have this week had another **case of chicken pox** in the Infant department. You can consult the link below for more information <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/Pages/Introduction.aspx#close> but if you are ever in any doubt in a medical situation we would advise that you consult with your family doctor.

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>

Our Year 5 and 6 children will be going to Moulin d'Alimentation Museum in Evere on Tuesday 24th January. Please see <http://www.evere.be/content/ice-cream-histoire-fondante-de-la-glace> for more information.

On January 31st **our Year 4, 5 and 6 children will be visiting the Theatre Montagne Magique** and this visit too will be in French. The Year 3 children will be going here on Wednesday, February 1st and both visits will be part of their French curriculum. Please see <http://lamontagnemagique.be/project/bizar/> for more information.

For all children going swimming each week please note that our swimming venue, the Castle Club, have introduced a new rule as from January 1st that **anybody with shoulder length hair must wear a swimming cap**. Therefore please make sure that if your child has hair that is not short hair then they must have a swimming cap from now on.

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:-

- For Nursery Little Red Riding Hood stopped to talk to the Big Bad Wolf. Do you think this was a good idea?
- For Reception Where does your favourite food come from?
- For Year 1 What sort of toys did your grandparents have? About how many years ago was that?
- For Year 2 What materials will keep us the warmest? Why?
- For Year 3 How might our bones and organs be healed in the future?
- For Year 4 Which is your favourite superhero? And why?
- For Year 5/6 What do you think will happen next to Sally Lockhart?

Parents should be aware that now we have only 3 **Nursery places at BISB for September 2017**. Therefore if you are thinking about a possible place in the Nursery at any time before September 2018 then you should contact the school office immediately.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Mokshith for his brilliant name writing.
Marco for his quick understanding of symmetry.
- Year 1 Emma Louise for her fantastic swimming skills.
Vaibhav for his excellent investigation skills in our Science work on materials
- Year 2 Rohan for super maths skills.
Srija for great enthusiasm and wonderful reading.
- Year 3 Bhuvan for participating enthusiastically, for contributing to class discussions and for making a real effort with his work.
Ameet for being responsible, both in and out of the classroom, for always being ready to help and for working independently and conscientiously
- Year 4 Sandra for being an ice cream queen and reaching the semi-finals of SuperT.
Sahasra for super research, planning and note-making.
- Year 5/6 Abhiram for making such a terrific effort with his comprehension homework and submitting all his homework on time; what a promising start to the new year.

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

“Americans will put up with anything provided it doesn't block traffic”.

- Dan Rather

- Spring Term 2017

Tuesday January 17 th	Year 3 / 4 trip to Moulin d'Alimentation Museum in Evere
Tuesday, January 24 th	Year 5 and 6 trip to Moulin d'Alimentation Museum in Evere
Tuesday, January 31 st	Year 4, 5 and 6 visit to the Theatre Montagne Magique
Wednesday, February 1 st	Year 3 children visit to the Theatre Montagne Magique

Summer Term 2017

May 8th to May 12 th	Year 4, 5 and 6 residential visit to Ripledown House
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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 30th 2017 at 12.15

End of Summer Term

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 4th, 2017