

## Newsletter – 27 January 2017

Thank you to those parents who have changed their setting out time to get to school before 09.00 but there are still a few families who we would once again urge 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 are pleased to see that several children have now taken up piano lesson this term but 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 week the **Junior department children will be attending the French theatre** as they are off to The Montagne Magique (see <https://lamontagnemagique.be/> for more information about the venue and <http://lamontagnemagique.be/project/bizar/> for information about the show). The Year 3 children are going on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, whereas the Year 4, 5 and 6 children will be going the day before on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Travel times to and from school are not affected.

We are sorry that this Friday's coffee morning had to be cancelled but please note that usually 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   | Who would you most like to meet at the top, if you climbed a magic beanstalk? |
| For Reception | If you were only allowed to eat one food for a year what would it be?         |
| For Year 1    | Do all children in the world have the same type and number of toys?           |
| For Year 2    | What is your favourite festival or celebration and why?                       |
| For Year 3    | What sort of celebrations do we enjoy and why?"                               |
| For Year 4    | If you could have any super powers, what would they be? And why?              |

For Year 5/6 Which 'animal' year of the Chinese Zodiac would you like to have been born in?

School reports about the progress of each child are scheduled to be issued in February in the week before the Half Term break.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Nevaan for his super beehive craft.  
Deekshita for her brilliant piece of unaided writing.
- Year 1 Sai Anwitha for super work on 3D shapes this week  
Shreyas for playing his part so well in the re-telling of 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'.
- Year 2 Otis for much improved reading.  
Janani for being such a consistent worker.
- Year 3 Parvesh for the huge effort he makes with his reading and for his enthusiasm and energy both in the classroom and in the playground.  
Maanas for concentrating very hard on his science poster and for his excellent research work.
- Year 4 Juliana for inspired multiplication! (this was once her Kryptonite)
- Year 5/6 Artem for his outstanding lesson about 'Christ the Redeemer', and his brilliant basketball coaching skills.

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

“Study the past if you would define the future”.

- Confucius.

### Spring Term 2017

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| Tuesday January 17 <sup>th</sup>    | Year 3 / 4 trip to Moulin<br>d'Alimentation Museum in Evere   |
| Tuesday, January 24 <sup>th</sup>   | Year 5 and 6 trip to Moulin<br>d'Alimentation Museum in Evere |
| Tuesday, January 31 <sup>st</sup>   | Year 4, 5 and 6 visit to the Theatre<br>Montagne Magique      |
| Wednesday, February 1 <sup>st</sup> | Year 3 children visit to the Theatre<br>Montagne Magique      |
| By Friday February 24 <sup>th</sup> | Mid-year School reports issued.                               |
| Monday March 13 <sup>th</sup>       | Start of Celebrating Differences Week                         |

### Summer Term 2017

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| Monday April 24 <sup>th</sup>               | Start of Positive Behaviour Week                        |
| May 8 <sup>th</sup> to May 12 <sup>th</sup> | Year 4, 5 and 6 residential visit to<br>Ripledown House |

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