

Could we remind parents then if your child is ill e.g. being sick several times through the night then no matter how keen they are to attend school next day they should not be allowed to do so. We do not want any infection passed onto to other children and members of staff. **Children who are ill must have returned to normal health and stay off school for 24 hours after this.**

Once again BISB will be participating in ‘Splash 2017’ which this year is taking place on Sunday 12th March. This is an annual Charity swimming event that BISB has taken part in since 2008 where teams of volunteers (including children, staff members and parent volunteers) swim laps as a relay team for a 55 minute period. Children of any level of swimming ability can take part as in previous years we have had children from the Reception class taking part and using a float / swimming jacket to help them. Information will be circulated in the next week or so to let you know how you can take part too. Please see <http://lionsheraldic.net/splash/pool-occupancy-2017> for more details.

This annual event is a swimming relay in aid of charities in Belgium and this year, monies raised will go to a Brussels city farm which educates, trains and provides work for people with special needs; and to city-slum schools in Kenya which provides a pathway for children through school to university.

Please note that if your child is having their birthday and wish to celebrate with their classmates then we are happy to help them do so but, in accordance with the school’s policy, **this is not a reason to come to school in clothes different to the normal school uniform.**

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 that many of you were able to come along to this Friday’s coffee morning and please note 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 Our new Fairy Tale next week is about a very strange man made out of a biscuit! Can you guess who it is? Tell us about him next week.
- For Reception What is your favourite way of exercising? e.g. riding your bike, swimming or running after a ball.
- For Year 1 Think of a character like Mr Gumpy. What journey would he or she go on, and who would he or she meet on the way?
- For Year 2 Do you think toys come to life at night? Why / why not?
- For Year 3 Why are there so many different types of pancake all around the world – what makes it such a popular food?"
- For Year 4 What practical things could you do to improve air pollution?
- For Year 5/6 Who was Pythagoras?

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 Aradhya for her enthusiastic participation in our science experiment
Lucas for completing a super division book.
- Year 1 Akshat for great work in Maths, especially counting in 2s.
Devi for good work on the 'er' sound in Phonics.
- Year 2 Harshini for an excellent effort in her test.
Netra for much improved reading this week.
- Year 3 Ayan for always being happy to help and for looking after the classroom with a smile, and for participating in the class football match with such enthusiasm!
Dev for always trying his best in whatever he does, and for quietly making sure that other people are happy and are not left out.
- Year 4 Juliana for showing previously unseen Science supremacy.
Rose for helping to devise a cracking experiment, which we all loved doing.
- Year 5/6 Aditya for making such progress with his swimming. Brilliant effort!

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

“He who lives without folly is not as wise as he thinks”.

- Francois de La Rochefoucauld

Spring Term 2017

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
By Friday February 24 th	Mid-year School reports issued.
Sunday 12th March. gathering at 12.20	BISB teams in 'Splash 2017'
Monday March 13 th	Start of Celebrating Differences Week

Summer Term 2017

Monday April 24 th	Start of Positive Behaviour Week
May 8th to May 12 th	Year 4, 5 and 6 residential visit to 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 30th 2017 at 12.15

End of Summer Term

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