

Next week is going to be our half term break when the school will be closed. We shall re-open again on Monday 6th March. The school will remain contactable via email and telephone but there may not be somebody in at all times for every day of next week.

We are **currently hosting 2 student teachers in each department** from the University College vzw Odisee in Brussels. They are currently with us each Thursday and will be here for 2 weeks continuously in May. They are from Belgium, Turkey, Spain and Denmark and they are working in our Nursery and Year 4, 5 and 6 classes.

In the week commencing Monday, March 13th we shall be having our **Celebrating Differences week** when we shall look at many factors that make each of us unique and different.

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. Information has been circulated within school to let you know how you can take part too. Please see <http://lionsheraldic.net/splash/pool-occupancy-2017> for more details. Our swimmers are swimming between 13.00 and 14.00 so everybody taking part should be gathering at 12.20 and ready changed by 12.50 at the poolside. 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.

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

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| For Nursery | If you had a parrot, what would you teach it to say?’ |
| For Reception | If you were an astronaut where would you go? What would you see? |
| For Year 1 | What sort of toys are you looking forward to seeing at the toy museum? |
| For Year 2 | Discuss ways that penguins move on land and in the sea. |
| For Year 3 | What can I do to make the most of every day of the holiday?’ |
| For Year 4 | What can you see from your bedroom window? Do you like or dislike it? Why? |
| For Year 5/6 | What do you know about TRAPPIST-1? |

School reports about the progress of each child have been issued this week so please let us know if you have not yet received it.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Jasman for his excellent reading this week.
Marco for his knowledge about the different phases of the moon.
- Year 1 Aadharrshini for great work in Maths on number bonds and doubles.
Neel for writing a super fact-sheet in Literacy.
- Year 2 Anjali for lovely ideas about where Floppy went.
Netra for lovely reading and literacy this week.
- Year 3 Swarnima for always trying her very best with her work and for helping other people without being asked.
Marina: For making a big effort not to interrupt and for always being enthusiastic and full of good ideas.
- Year 4 Rose for top level Topic and always high quality homework.
Ayush for his fantastic, prolific changing and reading of his stage book.
- Year 5/6 Rikhil for his outstanding lesson about the Giants of Tula – excellently researched and expertly delivered.

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

“Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.

- Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

- Spring Term 2017

Monday 20 th February	French Carnival Assembly Years 3 – 6 presenting all in French
By Friday February 24 th	Mid-year School reports issued.
Wednesday March 8 th	Year 1 trip to the Toy Museum
Sunday 12 th 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
Friday 28 th April	Reception and Year 2 trip to Ferme de la Vallée Vieux Genappe
May 8 th 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