

Newsletter – 31 March 2017

As today is the **last day of the spring term** school will finish at 12.15 (12.20 in the Junior department) so please make sure that your child is picked up at that time. The normal minibus routes will depart the school around 12.20 so please make sure that there is someone at home to receive the minibus children. The school restarts for the summer term on Wednesday starts

The **pink blossom on the trees in Avenue Emile Max** is just starting to show today. This is a wonderful sight but unfortunately this only lasts around 2 weeks so by the start of the summer term it will all have vanished. If you are going away during the holiday then you will miss it but if you are staying in Brussels you may wish to come down the street just to see it. Have a good holiday.

Just for your information we carried out **Fire Drills in both buildings this week** so please do not be alarmed if your young children returned home with an unfounded story about a fire in school.

We received the **results from Lamda** this week for the Drama examinations that some of our children did earlier this year. Congratulations must go to Mrs Tranter, Edward Prescott and everybody involved as the results were excellent, with 5 passes with Distinction and 7 passes with Merit.

Applications for school places in September continue to come in throughout the year. You may wish to be aware that the current situation is that the majority of classes in our Infant department (3 out of 4) have only 2, or less than 2, places available for September. We are now past the point where existing parents can assume that a place at BISB in September will be available for a younger sibling. You must submit an application form and receive a positive response that a place is still available to be sure.

Please note that the **90 day deadline** for informing the school in writing that you will be leaving at the end of this school year falls on Saturday, April 1st. If you subsequently inform us of your departure for this school year after this date then the refundable deposit will be retained by the school.

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

“A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go but where they ought to be”.

- Rosalynn Carter

Spring Term 2017

Friday 24th March
09.15 – 23.00

Selected Junior department children
in the annual Night Navigation Walk
in the Foret des Soignes

Tuesday 28th March
09.00

Year 5 / 6 visit to the Hergé museum
Louvain-La-Neuve

Summer Term 2017

Thursday 20th April

Year 1 and 2 visit to the Théâtre
Montagne Magique to see a small
theatre presentation in French.

Monday April 24th

Start of Positive Behaviour Week

Friday 28th April

Reception and Year 2 trip to
Ferme de la Vallée Vieux Genappe

May 8th to May 12th

Year 4, 5 and 6 residential visit to
Ripledown House

Saturday May 20th

International Day

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