

Newsletter – 21 April 2017

We would like to **welcome back** all those children and parents returning after the Easter break and also those new families who are joining BISB this month.

Next week will be our Positive Behaviour Week in school when we shall be expecting and reinforcing that everybody should behave well and have consideration for every other person throughout the school and the wider world.

On Tuesday of next week, 25 April, our **Year 4 class will be taking part in a woodlands walk** that will include map and compass exercises in the Foret de Soignes. Travel to and from school on that day should be unaffected.

On Wednesday morning (26 April) all children of the Junior department will be watching and taking part in an **interactive Concert workshop** entitled “Le Sacre du Printemps”. This is a joint project between ReMuA (<http://www.remua.be/>) and Brussels Philharmonic. All Junior department Children will need to arrive at school between 08.15 and 08.30 as we need to leave promptly at 08.30 to take advantage of the special seats that we have been fortunate enough to obtain. Please do not arrive after 08.30 as the Junior school will be closed and any such late arrival will miss the show and have to spend the morning in the infant department.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 children are off for their **residential week at Rippledown House** on Monday 8th May. Could we ask that all parents who have not yet handed in pocket money (£20, not 20 €) for the Rippledown trip, please do so by 28th April. Many thanks for your co-operation.

During this week the **Year 2 children will spend the week (Monday May 8th to 25 – Friday May 12th) working in the Junior department**, in Avenue de l’ Emeraude, 59 (only a few minutes’ walk from the Infant Department.) to familiarise themselves for next year, when they become Year 3. They will be there with Mrs. Vetter for the week, and so they should be dropped off and picked up (at 15.30) at the Junior Department in Avenue de l’ Emeraude, 59 rather than at the Infant Department in Avenue Emile Max.

As this week has not been a full week we will be sending out the **list of extra-curricular activities** for this term, next week. This will mean that generally clubs start in the week commencing May 2nd.

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.

Please note that we shall be celebrating our **International Day this year on Saturday May 20th**. This is a chance for different nationalities to celebrate and offer a taste of their country. This can be literally food or drink, music, pictures, costumes or anything you wish. Please make a note of the date now.

If you are likely to be **leaving school before the last day of this term** i.e. Friday June 30th, then please inform the school as soon as possible of your travel plans.

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

“The point of living, and of being an optimist, is to be foolish enough to believe the best is yet to come”.

- Peter Ustinov

Summer Term 2017

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| Thursday 20th April | Year 1 and 2 visit to the Théâtre Montagne Magique to see a small theatre presentation in French. |
| Monday April 24 th | Start of Positive Behaviour Week |
| Tuesday 25 th April | Year 4 map and compass exercises in the Foret de Soignes. |
| Wednesday 26 th April | Junior department visit to interactive Concert workshop “Le Sacre du Printemps”. |
| Friday 28 th April | Reception and Year 2 trip to Ferme de la Vallée Vieux Genappe |
| May 8th to May 12 th | Year 4, 5 and 6 residential visit to Ripledown House |
| Saturday May 20 th | 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