

Newsletter – 2 June 2017

Parents should be aware that **next week will be a 4 day week** as the school is closed on Monday for the Pentecost National holiday.

We are aware that **birthdays** are always very exciting days and that the children like to celebrate theirs with their friends. There is no obligation for parents to send treats to school for the class but if you wish to do so we would like you to **be aware of the following guidelines and recommendations**. As there are children in school with dietary restrictions or allergies we have to be very careful about any sharing of food. Therefore, if you wish to do so, we recommend that you send a packet of biscuits or small cup-cakes rather than a large cake to give out after we have sung Happy Birthday. If you wish to send a cake it should be a plain sponge cake as most children do not like rich cream or icing and therefore most of any large cake is wasted. Please do not send party bags for distribution containing lots of sweets and chocolate for the children as we do not like to encourage children to eat unhealthy food items. Similarly several parents do not wish their children to have them. Also the child whose birthday it is should come to school dressed normally in school uniform

We shall be hosting the last school social event of this year on Saturday 24th June. This will be our **Summer craft and coffee morning** and it will be held in the infant department from 10.00 – 12.00. Everybody is invited to attend and support this event where all children will have a chance to undertake a range of fun craft activities through the morning and parents will have a chance to socialise with others.

Please note that the **children are not allowed to bring toys from home** into school for safety reasons i.e. both avoiding damage to children and the toys themselves if they are inappropriate. This restriction also applies to the latest craze of fidget spinners which can be dangerous if misused. Therefore please make sure that your child does **not bring a fidget spinner into school** because if they do it will be taken off them for the duration of the day.

On Wednesday of next week (June 7th) our **Year 4 class will be doing some further map and compass work** during their second Walk Through The Forest, in conjunction with their Year 4 Numeracy topics. The children will practise way-finding, compass bearing and other map skills. Children should arrive at school by 08.40 so that this exciting day can start promptly. The aim is that they will return to school by the normal 15.30 departure time.

On behalf of the whole school community we would like to offer our **congratulations to Shivang in Year 4** who has become the 2nd best maths problem-solver in Belgium in his age group in the recent FFJM finals. Everyone there had to get through earlier rounds to get to the finals and these were held in Southern Belgium on one of the weekends last month. To do so well in a national tournament, open to all the children in Belgium, is a truly fantastic achievement.



On Monday of this week the parents of the **Infant dance club** enjoyed a short presentation during the after school dance club, as they were able to see what their children have been doing with the dancing teacher Silvia. This has been a very successful new activity throughout this school year and so we are planning to extend the opportunity to be involved to the older children in the Junior department next year.

Our **International Day was another tremendous success** this year with an extremely good attendance, as anybody who was there can confirm. Through everybody's efforts we raised 1050 € and so we were able to donate this to the local charity Nasci (<http://www.nascivzw.be/nasci-eng-whatisnasci.htm>) who help mothers and young children facing difficult living conditions in Brussels.

The **dates for the end of term shows** are in the list of dates lower down the newsletter and the first of these will be on Monday 12th June when the Nursery / Reception show takes place at 14.30 in the infant department.

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.

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

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| For Nursery | Why do bubbles pop when we touch them? |
| For Reception | Please could each child bring in (or have emailed in) a photo of themselves on a beach, at an aquarium to share in class? |
| For Year 1 | In Eric Carle's story The Mixed Up Chameleon the chameleon discovered it was best to be himself. Why is it good to be you? What makes you special? |
| For Year 2 | What did you learn during our safari? Would you go again? |
| For Year 3 | What difference does it make as the days get longer? Do you prefer summer or winter evenings? |

For Year 4 Think of 10 things you can do to make sure you go the right way in the forest (especially if you get lost)

For Year 5/6 Which animated characters have Aardman studios created?

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. We look forward to seeing you next week when you will once again have an opportunity to change library books in the Parents and teachers section of the library.

The calendar for the next school year, 2017 / 18, is attached at the end of this newsletter and so will be included in each newsletter from now on until June 2018.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Alex for his super swimming this week. Tremendous progress!
Pranav for being a very kind and courteous member of the class.
- Year 1 Shreyas for making a lovely information poster about parrots.
Neel for good work on identifying and writing opposites.
- Year 2 Wahed for a super summer poem.
Anjali for lovely reading and good work in Maths.
- Year 3 Maanas for persevering with a difficult reading book and telling us all about the stories. Well done!
Himanshu for working conscientiously on his maths time booklet, and for his enthusiastic cricketing performance.
- Year 4 Oskar for great performances in cricket, guided reading and shape
Sahasra for Science: great analysis and thinking beyond the task.
- Year 5/6 Ishita for being such an outstanding student during her time at BISB

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

“Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it whether it exists or not, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedy”.

- Ernest Benn

Summer Term 2017

Wednesday 7 th June	Year 4 - Walk Through The Forest,
Monday 12 th June 14.30	Nursery / Reception show
Thursday 15 th June 14.30	Year 1 / Year 2 show
Friday 16 th June	Junior department sports day
Thursday 22 nd June	Infant department sports day
Saturday 24 th June 10.00 – 12.00	Summer craft and coffee morning in the Infant department
Monday 26 th June 17.00	Junior department show
Friday 30 th June 12.15	End of Term

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

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Autumn Term

Monday, September 4, 2017

Start of Autumn Term

Monday, October 30, 2017
- Friday, November 3, 2017

Half Term
Break

Friday, December 15, 2017 at 15.30

End of Autumn Term

Spring Term

Monday, January 8, 2018

Start of Spring Term

Monday, February 12, 2018
- Friday, February 16, 2018

Half Term
Break

Friday, March 23, 2018 at 15.30

End of Spring Term

Monday, April 9, 2018

School Closed - Staff Training Day

Summer Term

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Start of Summer Term

Monday, April 30, 2018
Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Holiday
May Day Public Holiday

Thursday, May 10, 2018
Friday, May 11 2018

Ascension Public Holiday
Half Term Holiday

Monday, May 21, 2018

Pentecost Holiday

Friday June 29th 2018 at 12.15

End of Summer Term

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 3rd, 2018