

Newsletter – 08 September 2017

On Tuesday evening next week (Tuesday 12th September at 19.00 in both buildings) there will be a **Curriculum briefing evening** for parents to find out about what their child will be learning during the year. This is for all children **apart from the Nursery children** who have already had their briefing. Please note that the briefing is not appropriate for children and therefore they should not be attending this evening. Parents should go to the department building where their child's class is located.

If parents need to see a teacher then this is best done by making an appointment beforehand by email. Teachers are obviously busy teaching during most of the day but this year's appointments are possible at the following times. The prior appointment that parents must make should be before the day of the meeting:-

Nursery	Mrs Davies	Tuesday	15.30
Reception	Mrs Irakoze	Tuesday	09.05
Year 1	Mrs Rutayisire	Tuesday	09.45
Year 2	Mrs Vetter	Monday	13.15
Year 3	Mrs Still	Friday	09.05
Year 4	Mr Stedman	Friday	09:45
Year 5/6	Mrs Tranter	Monday	14:45
EAL	Mrs Read	Monday	12:15 Infant Department
		Wednesday	8:30 Junior Department

We also have a new Garderie Supervisor who started this week. Smita Bandaru will be looking after the BISB children who are not picked up by 15.30.

We are very pleased to see that most of the children are wearing school uniform. We would like to remind you that the uniform for a normal school day is grey trousers or skirt/pinafore with a white school polo shirt and a green BISB jumper or cardigan. **Shoes should be smart brown, black or navy.** On PE and swimming days the children should come to school in green BISB jogging trousers, white t-shirt and green school jumper and they should wear trainers. **We do not allow football boots with studs.**

Please make sure that you have put your child's name into all items of clothing and then we can return lost items to their correct owner.

We are intending to hold our first large scale social event this year which will be our **Walk in the Woods**. This will be on Sunday 8th October at 14.00 and details about the location will be circulated nearer the time.

Year 3 will be **going to Park Josaphat next Wednesday morning** (Wednesday 13th September) o link in with both their Rocks and Fossils theme and Roald Dahl day (which is on the same day).

The **information about after school activities** has been sent out by email this week and if you haven't yet received it then please contact the school office. We will send out the paper version on Monday.

For those who wish to have more detail about some of them the successful Creative Dance activity from last year is being extended to be offered as a Modern Dance activity for the children of the Junioe department. These activities are being run by an external teacher who will be aiming through Dance to create a playful and enjoyable time for the child through different learning activity games.

The drama club is geared towards the lamda examinations in the Spring term and you can see <https://www.lamda.org.uk/examinations> for more information.

There is also the possibility of learning piano at BISB on Tuesday or Thursday.

If your child is away from school for illness or for any other reason then we would appreciate receiving a short email explaining the situation. In this way we can see if there are any communicable illnesses in the school community.

Many thanks to all of the families who have **completed the electronic contact details** but if you are yet to return them to the school office could we ask that you do so as soon as possible please?

Some parents may not be aware of how we use the **Talk Topics** that are described each Friday in the Newsletter. All we hope is that you can spare about 10 – 15 minutes during the weekend to spend with your child discussing the talk topic. It is a great opportunity for parents to be involved in the child's language development. This is simply a discussion task where nothing needs to be written or memorised. It is a chance to develop the children's language and vocabulary skills and then later in the week they share their ideas in class. The aim is to actively encourage the development of their listening and talking skills in order to develop children's writing ability in the future. This can be in your own language if the child is still learning English but we are, of course, working towards carrying this out in English.

The **weekly Coffee mornings** are now held every Friday at 09.00 in the Junior department library. This week's attendance was excellent and we do hope that you can come along in the future if you weren't able to come along today. This will also give you a chance to change your library books from the large selection of books in English for parents and teachers.

The **School Photograph day** will be on Wednesday 11th October this year. Therefore we expect that all children will be able to attend school as normal on that day. There will be an opportunity afterwards to buy photographs taken then, including, individual, class and school photographs.

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

- For Reception Where is your favourite place to visit and why?' e.g. the beach, my house, the shops, Paris.
- For Year 1 Have you ever been to the beach? What did you see?'
- For Year 2 What was the best thing about coming back to school?
- For Year 3 How does the weather change buildings and our environment?
- For Year 4 What does the year 0 (zero) mean in your house?
- For Year 5 / 6 What are conflict diamonds?

For all those families paying fees by Domiciliation each month please note that the target date for the amounts to be taken from your account is always the 3rd of each month. For families making their first domiciliation payment there is always a slight delay as the bank processes and enters the new information.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Druthi for being an eager participant during whole class sessions
Niteesh for growing in confidence throughout the week
- Year 1 Fiza for working hard in every lesson, what an excellent start to the year!
Marco for being kind and helpful towards new children in the school.
- Year 2 Tharun for being so patient and kind to a classmate
Anum for producing lovely neat work
- Year 3 Akhil for settling into the class so well and for coping with everything new with a smile!
Wahed for finishing all of his work and designing an original, clever bookmark.
- Year 4 Tala for inspiring us with her superb creative writing
- Year 5 / 6 Shivang for his excellent behaviour and mature attitude in the classroom
Eashan for his outstanding work about diamonds and his enthusiasm towards school

Please let us know as soon as possible **if you think that you may be leaving in this autumn term** i.e. any time up till December 2017. The 90 day deadline for the end of this term for written notice of departure, after which deposits will not be refunded, will fall on Saturday 17th September.

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

“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort”.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 12th September 19.00
In Infant & Junior departments

Curriculum Briefing

Wednesday 13th September

Year 3 trip to Park Josaphat

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2015 / 2016

Autumn Term

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

Start of Autumn Term

Monday, October 26, 2015
- Friday, October 30, 2015

Half Term
Break

Friday, November 6, 2015

School Closed - Staff Training Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

School Closed - Public Holiday
Armistice Day

Friday, December 18, 2015 at 12.15

End of Autumn Term

Spring Term

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Start of Spring Term

Monday, February 8, 2016
- Friday, February 12, 2016

Half Term
Break

Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 15.30

End of Spring Term

Monday, April 11, 2016
Day

School Closed - Staff Training

Summer Term

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Start of Summer Term

Thursday, May 5, 2016
Friday, May 6 2016

Ascension Public Holiday
Half Term Holiday

Monday, May 16, 2016

Pentecost Holiday

Thursday June 30th 2016 at 15.30

End of Summer Term

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Thursday, September 1st, 2016

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