

We have been experiencing **technical problems with our telephone lines** in the infant department on Thursday and Friday of this week. This involved both lines not working together as they should be so people may unusually have experienced an engaged signal when they tried to ring when the one line available was in use. The offending item has now been replaced but is still awaiting remote activation and therefore everything should be working properly by Monday. We apologise for any inconvenience that you may have experienced.

Two of our Junior department French groups will be going out of school next week to visit the nearby Thomas Owen Library in Avenue de Roodebeek. On Wednesday Mrs Scharf's Year 4, 5 and 6 group will visit the Library and on Friday Mrs Scharf's Year 3 group will follow.

Other events coming up next month are the start of **Space Week** from Friday 6th October for our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children to celebrate and on Thursday 12th October the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children to the theatre in **Flagey for the Firebird music concert**.

Don't forget that the **school's Photo day** will be on Wednesday 11th October and in the following week our Year 5 and 6 children will be going to the **Brussels Atomium for a one night sleepover** on Thursday 19th October followed by a Picnic lunch on Friday 20th October.

There is now no excuse for children arriving at school after 09.00 and if someone arrives at 09.10 blaming the bus or tram services then you should be catching the bus or tram before and getting here for 5 minutes before 09.00. Please be aware that we expect that **everyone should be in school by 09.00**, especially as the doors open at 08.30. Thank you for your co-operation.

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 next week.

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.

The **weekly Coffee mornings** are now held every Friday at 09.00 in the Junior department library and we do hope that you can come along in the future if you weren't able to come along today. Normally this gives you a chance to change your library books from the large selection of books in English for

parents and teachers but today we held the coffee morning at a local coffee shop for a change of atmosphere.

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 Nursery What is your favourite animal and why?
- For Reception If you were a mountain explorer what would you need to take with you?
- For Year 1 What would you take with you on a long boat journey?
- For Year 2 What healthy fruits do you eat? Are they tasty?
- For Year 3 How do you feel when you set off on a journey or an adventure?
- For Year 4 What type of scientist would you become if you had to and why?
- For Year 5 / 6 Why am I the only person responsible for doing my homework?

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 Yuvanthi for super number ordering in desert maths.
 Manasv for excellent sorting of jungle and desert animals.
- Year 1 Jay for good effort with retelling the story of 'The Rope Swing'.
 Devanshu for good tidying up in the classroom.
- Year 2 Dhanishka for jumping into the swimming pool without a jacket.
 Sóley for good work in Maths and completing her tasks on time.
- Year 3 Alex for his creative thinking and his thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
 Aarav for his hard work, his excellent behaviour and his inventive writing.
- Year 4 Maanas for highly impressive background knowledge at the 'Science is Wonderful! Expo.
- Year 5 / 6 Divgun for her excellent blueprint of the anatomy of a diamond and being brave enough to attempt the 'flaming hand' experiment.
 Deepesh for his much improved focus during lessons, which has been observed by all teachers. Well done!

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

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 27 th September	Year 4/5/6 trip to the EU Science is Wonderful exhibition at the Europarlamentarium
Friday 6 th October	Start of Junior Department Space Week
Thursday 12 th October	Junior department trip to Flagey Firebird Musical concert
19th October	Year 5 / 6 trip to Atomium for overnight sleepover

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2017 / 2018

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