

We have just been informed by the company doing water and drainage work in Avenue Emile Max that they will need to cut off the water in the street on Tuesday of next week (14th November). They will be placing emergency standpipes in the street for residents as the disconnection is scheduled to last for the whole day.

We have considered the matter carefully and decided that under these circumstances we regrettably have no choice but to **close the BISB Infant department on Tuesday (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)**. It will simply be impossible to operate for a day without flushing toilets.

The Junior department (Year 3 – 6) will not be affected and the Infant department will open as normal on Wednesday.

The problem of families arriving late, after school has started and disrupting classes in session has not been solved by parents changing their travel times as we anticipated. It has already been pointed out that arriving late is not acceptable so we are going to put not accepting it into practice. **From Monday, November 20th, in the Infant department initially, families will not be admitted into school if they arrive late after the start of school.**

After 09.00 we will allow a ten minutes grace period so arriving at 09.10, entry will be permitted but at or after 09.11 it will not. Children will then only be allowed into school after 10.15 towards the start of break time. There will be no debate about the timing as it will be determined by the library clock which is exact, as it is a radio controlled clock, synchronised with the atomic clocks at Frankfurt. We suggest that all families aim to arrive at school for 08.30 rather than 09.00 anyway so that they do not have a problem with this new procedure.

If there are exceptional circumstances then parents can telephone ahead and explain what these might be. A missing tram or bus causing an arrival at 09.15 is not an exceptional circumstance as you should be aiming to arrive closer to 08.30. Please note that there is a week before this new procedure starts so that parents can make any necessary adjustment to their morning travel arrangements.

On the Friday before the half term break half a dozen selected children from the Junior department took part in a **Night Navigation Walk** organised by Mr Stedman, supported by Mr Tranter and Mrs Still.

This trip involved walking for around 10km in the Forêt des Soignes after nightfall, and finding their route, moving from point to point using maps and compasses and undertaking strategic exercises.

The weather could have been kinder but everyone involved had a great time participating in a truly memorable experience. On behalf of the participants I

would like to thank Mr Stedman and his assistants for organising such an exciting event.

The infant department will be hosting our **Thanksgiving / Autumn Craft evening** on Friday 24th November from 18.00 to 20.00. This will be held in the Infant department but children from both departments are very welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you then for a fun filled and creative evening.

If one parent is not on the school's email list and hence is not receiving emails from the school then please send an email from the email to be added to schooloffice@bisb.org explaining this.

I understand that if people are not receiving this newsletter in the first place then they won't be able to follow this suggestion but could parents please cut and paste the above sentence and send it to anybody who may have mentioned that they are not receiving school emails. Many thanks.

We did not host a **weekly Coffee morning** today for logistical reasons but these will recommence next Friday at 09.00 in the Junior department library and we do hope that you can come along in the future as 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.

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

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| For Nursery | Name all of the different types of fruit you would put in, to make your fruit salad tasty |
| For Reception | What is your favourite type of shop and why? |
| For Year 1 | What makes a good friend? |
| For Year 2 | What would be your favourite sandwich filling? |
| For Year 3 | Why is sport important, and which sports do you enjoy? |
| For Year 4 | Which things remain liquid when there's ice outside in the morning? |
| For Year 5 / 6 | What are you going to ask the diamond experts next week? |

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.

Parents may wish to be aware that **children under 12 attending school in Brussels are entitled to travel for free on the Brussels public transport system**. However to do this they must have their own MOBIB card which costs 5 € and then load it with a free subscription J (abonnement J). They then

use it every time they enter a bus, tram or metro. More information can be obtained from BISB or www.stib.brussels .

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Hargun for super phonics work this week
Abir for his confident blending
- Year 1 Huma for writing some interesting 'water is...' sentences in literacy.
Pranav for a super show and tell session explaining how paper cup telephones work
- Year 2 Akshat for producing beautiful neat work on prefixes in Literacy.
Mahum for working very well in both Literacy and Maths this week
- Year 3 Hithaishi for her superb reading and enthusiastic sharing of her holiday books. Well done!
Netra for her excellent listening skills during discussions and for working hard at everything we do.
- Year 4 Sai Shreyas for excellent planning and measuring whilst doing experiments.
- Year 5 / 6 Bhargav for his outstanding essay about our night in the Atomium, which brought back so many memories!
Eashan for mastering long multiplication - brilliant!

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

"Life is something that happens when you can't get to sleep."

- Fran Lebowitz

- Autumn Term 2017

Friday 27 th October	Junior department Night time Forest walk
Tuesday 14 th November	Year 5 / 6 trip to Antwerp Diamond Centre
Monday 20 th November	Junior department French Assembly
Friday 24 th November 18.00 to 20.00	Thanksgiving / Autumn Craft evening Infant Department
Friday 1 st December	Junior department trip to Planetarium
Monday 11 th December 17.00	Junior department show De Lijsterbees theatre
Thursday 14 th December 11.30	Nursery Show Infant Department
Friday 15 th December 15.25 Infants 15.30 Juniors	End of Autumn Term

- Spring Term 2018

Monday 8 th January	Start of Spring Term
Monday 29 th January	Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 show

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