

So far this week we have had to deny entrance to the infant department to one family who arrived after 09.10 and wanted to come in. Please note that in the Infant department **families will not be admitted into school if they arrive late after the start of school.**

At the moment as a courtesy we are allowing a ten minutes grace period so entry will not be permitted at or after 09.10. Children will then only be allowed into school after 10.15 towards the start of break time.

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.

Our **Thanksgiving / Autumn Craft evening will be taking place tonight** in our Infant department from 18.00 to 20.00. Even though this will be held in the Infant department children from both departments are very welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you tonight for a fun filled and creative evening and there will be pumpkin soup and bread and samosas to warm you up.

There are a couple of school trips coming up in the second half of this term. Firstly on Tuesday 28th November our Year 4 class will be visiting the Gravensteen Castle in Gent (see <https://gravensteen.stad.gent/en> for more information). To enable a smooth departure all Year 4 children need to be in school at 8:30 on that Tuesday. We would also like one parent - volunteer to accompany this trip to Gent. On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November our Year 1 and 2 children will be visiting Brussels Aquarium for the morning leaving school just after 09.00 and on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December the Junior Department children (Years 3 / 4 / 5 / 6) will be visiting the Brussels planetarium.

We hosted another very successful **Coffee morning** today which was held in a local café for a change and these will continue each Friday at 09.00, usually in the Junior department library. 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.

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

- For Nursery Why is it important to listen to what others have to say? What do we use to listen with?
- For Reception What is your favourite thing to do at school?’
- For Year 1 What could we see when we visit the aquarium?
- For Year 2 What fish do you want to see when we visit the aquarium next week? Will it be there, do you think?
- For Year 3 How many different metal objects can I identify around me?
- For Year 4 What kind of house would you like to live in and where?
- For Year 5 / 6 Would you like to dissect an eye?

For all those families **paying fees by Domiciliation each month** please note that the target date for the amounts to be taken automatically 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](http://www.stib.brussels) .

This week’s star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Pranavi for her beautiful self-portrait picture  
Marie Sophie for her excellent writing of cvc words
- Year 1 Jay for writing some good sentences using full stops about Little Red Riding Hood.  
Yuma for speaking so confidently in show and tell about his favourite cartoon.
- Year 2 Neel for writing well thought out sentences in Literacy  
Shreyas for good effort in measuring this week.
- Year 3 Shinnosuke for his superb Mars Mission art masterpiece and for generously allowing Alex to share the project.  
Harshini for her responsible initiatives in PE and in the classroom, and in particular for encouraging everyone to work as a team.
- Year 4 Marina for immaculate work showing inspired understanding of home insulation.
- Year 5 / 6 Sahasra for her outstanding improvement in the weekly dictation challenge - what a growth mindset you now have!  
Rikhil for maintaining such a high standard of effort towards our weekly comprehensions and his high quality of answers.

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

I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom.

- Bob Dylan

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Junior department French Assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 18.00 to 20.00	Thanksgiving / Autumn Craft evening Infant Department
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 visit to Gravensteen Fortress, Gent
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> of November 9.10 until about 13.00.	Year 1 and 2 visit to the Brussels Aquarium
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Junior department trip to Planetarium
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 17.00	Junior department show De Lijsterbees theatre
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 11.30	Nursery Show Infant Department
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 15.25 Infants 15.30 Juniors	End of Autumn Term

- Spring Term 2018

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 12.15**

**End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018