

Newsletter –01 December 2017

Thank you to all those parents who have improved their morning punctuality when arriving at school. Please note, however that everyone should be in school by 09.00 and ideally **there should not be anybody arriving at school after 09.00**. There are still too many parents arriving between 09.00 and 09.10 so please if you are one of these parents do what you can to arrive before 09.00.

We do try to **encourage independence in our children** from an early age so as a small contribution to this aim we would recommend that children should be carrying their own bags to and from school. What should not be happening is that parents transfer the bag to their child's back whilst they are standing in the Infant department doorway. This results in the doorway being blocked for a few seconds unnecessarily and so we would ask that all parents make sure that this does not happen. If you do wish to help your child with their bag then we would suggest that you give them their bag well away from the school entrance before you actually arrive here.

For all those **parents of children in either the Monday or Tuesday dance club** there will be a short Dance show for you on the day of your child's dance club. This will be at 16.00 on Monday & Tuesday so we do look forward to you joining us next week.

Our **Thanksgiving / Autumn Craft evening** last Friday was a great success and everybody enjoyed a very busy evening. As a result of everybody's efforts we were able to make another significant contribution to NASCI (<http://www.nascivzw.be/index.php/en/index>) which is a local charity supporting less fortunate mothers and children that we have donated to for a number of years. I would like to thank all of the people who volunteered to help on the evening itself and everybody who contributed to make the evening such a success.

We hosted another very successful **Coffee morning** today and these will continue each Friday at 09.00, usually in the Junior department library. Next Friday's meeting will be another big occasion. We do hope that you can come along 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 What are the names of all of the reindeer that pull Santa's sleigh?

For Reception What are you thankful for?

- For Year 1 What lives in Antarctica? What do you think it would be like to live there?’
- For Year 2 What was the most exciting thing you saw at the aquarium?
Why?
- For Year 3 How would you create a giant for our play?
- For Year 4 What would have been the advantages and disadvantages of living in a castle?
- For Year 5 / 6 Why should we study Shakespeare?

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 .

This week’s star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Sanvi for her super star blending and always trying hard.
Aadya for her growing confidence within the classroom.
- Year 1 Devanshu for very good progress and effort with reading.
Fiza for great work in maths with more and less than numbers up to 100.
- Year 2 Jacob for amazing progress in his reading and phonics and much improved social skills.
Thomas for excellent behaviour and super work on doubles and near doubles
- Year 3 Anjali for her excellent homework, for her determination and for trying her hardest in everything she does, and always with a smile!
Wahed for his lovely letter, which he wrote, and finished, without any help at all.
- Year 4 Maanas for actively seeking and thriving on more challenge
Sai Shreyas for patiently accumulating his Super Points to finally win the Chart
- Year 5 / 6 Oskar for his excellent thank-you letter - what an outstanding effort.
Mayank for adopting a conscientious attitude towards his studies - what a difference.

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

“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another”.

- G. K. Chesterton

- Autumn Term 2017

Monday 20 th November	Junior department French Assembly
Friday 24 th November 18.00 to 20.00	Thanksgiving / Autumn Craft evening Infant Department
Tuesday 28 th November	Year 4 visit to Gravensteen Fortress, Gent
Thursday 30 th of November 9.10 until about 13.00.	Year 1 and 2 visit to the Brussels Aquarium
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