

## Newsletter –08 December 2017

The first winter show of this school year will be the Junior department music and drama production of **Jack and the Beanstalk** and this will be taking place at the Lijsterbes Community Theatre on Monday (11<sup>th</sup> December) starting at 17.00. This is in Lijsterbessenbomenlaan and or the exact location you can see <https://goo.gl/maps/2rLtX4hErMK2> f. The nearest STIB connection is the 42 bus from Roodebeek metro. The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will go to the theatre directly from school at 13.00 and they will be provided with a snack at the theatre and will be picked up from the theatre by parents directly after the show at around 18.00.

Also next week we shall have the **Nursery Show on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30**. This will be at the Infant Department and there will be no afternoon session that day apart from full day children.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December for the Nursery children, once again all children will attend the morning session only and there will be no afternoon nursery apart from full day children.

As next week is going to be the **final week of this autumn term** there are no after school activities next week apart from the Tuesday afternoon Dance club. There will be a short Dance show for you on that Tuesday and this will be at 16.10 so we do look forward to you joining us next week. The options for next term's clubs will be circulated in the first week next term.

Please note that we will continue to insist that **there should not be anybody arriving at school after 09.00** and after 09.10 the first possible admission to the Infant department will be at 10.15.

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.

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

For Nursery      When ice melts, what does it become and how can it become ice again?

For Reception    What do you like most about winter?

For Year 1        Christmas is a time for giving but what can you give to

- someone that is not a present?’
- For Year 2 What makes a good compliment? Think of some compliments for your family members.
- For Year 3 What would you write a play about and how would you stage it?
- For Year 4 What is your character in the play like? Are they like you?
- For Year 5 / 6 What have you learned about yourself this term?

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 Samanvitha for showing a good understanding of the seasons.  
Aymen for completing the snowman’s buttons worksheet independently.
- Year 1 Marco for super work solving addition and subtraction problems. and also for helping us learn to sing in Japanese for the Winter show!  
Aahid for good spelling of words with the /oa/ long vowel sound in our phonics lesson.
- Year 2 Shreyas for being brave and making super progress in the swimming pool.  
Dhanishka for her positive and helpful attitude to school.
- Year 3 Anoushka for her concentration, hard work and enthusiastic contribution to the singing and drama work for the winter play.  
Tanvi for giving her utmost in everything we do - she listens, thinks hard and sets to work with quiet determination.
- Year 4 Arsalan for inspired and brilliant 'estate agency' skills.
- Year 5 / 6 Juliana for a much improved attitude towards her school work; your dictation this week was very good!  
Zaid for putting so much effort into his role in Jack and the Beanstalk.

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

“All things are difficult before they are easy.”

- Dr. Thomas Fuller

Autumn Term 2017

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 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
Start of Health & Hygiene Week

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
Year 3/4/5 and 6 children to Bozaar Concert.

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