

Parents should already be aware that the **school will be closed next week** for the half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February after the week's break.

Could we remind parents that all children should be in school by 09.00 and at the moment in the infant department we are allowing a grace period up to but not beyond 09.10. 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.

**If you find yourself unable to get into school after 09.10 then please note that there are several warm coffee shops around Place Plasky where you can wait until 10.15.** We are also now monitoring the real time position of buses via the STIB website each morning to see if any reports of buses not turning up are real or imaginary. All parents should aim to be at school before 08.45 anyway so that they have already made provision for any missing bus.

Could we remind all parents of the **school uniform requirements** summarised at <http://www.bisb.org/admissions/school-uniform/> ? In particular some children are attending school in brightly coloured trainers instead of brown, navy or black shoes. Also children are coming to school in Grey jeans or sports tracksuit trousers instead of grey trousers or shorts. These can be obtained from <https://direct.asda.com/george/school-uniform/D10,default,sc.html> amongst others.

We shall be inspecting all uniform items closely after the holiday so please make sure that your child is dressed correctly when returning to school after the holiday.

BISB will be celebrating its **Book Week this year which starts on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. We shall be welcoming 2 authors during the week and other events to note will be a Book Fair by Treasure Trove on Thursday 1st March when the children will need to bring some money in as they will have the chance to buy a book. Also on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March the **children should come to school**, not in school uniform, but **dressed as a character from a book or story**.

We now anticipate that we will be full in all classes in the infant department in September 2018 but it is impossible to say when that moment will occur for each class. The best advice that we can give to all prospective parents is that once they have made their decision about schooling then **they should submit an application form as early as possible** to make sure that a place is available. This is because we place children's names on the class list or

waiting list only when we receive an application form and the date that we receive that application form decides the order of priority.

Also we are pleased to confirm that our Junior department will be having the more normal 4 classes next year (i.e. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) from September 2018 when **we shall have a separate Year 6 class again.**

Please do let us know as soon as possible **if you think that you may be leaving BISB by the end of this school year** in June 2018.

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

- For Nursery      What did the very hungry caterpillar eat? And what happened to him afterwards?
- For Reception    Why do we need different clothes for different weather?
- For Year 1        What famous buildings do you know around Brussels?'
- For Year 2        How are penguins and seals suited to life on earth and in the water?
- For Year 3        Imagine you were Jack Fortune arriving in Brussels. How would you describe the city?
- For Year 4        How does the weather affect sport and exercise and our bodies?
- For Year 5 / 6    Would you like to be a teacher?

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.

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      Suleiman for excellent memorisation of the number bonds to ten  
Vibha for increasing independence organising her belongings.
- Year 1          Huma for writing some super sentences with full stops and capital letters in our grammar lesson.  
Vihan for painting a super picture of some houses in the style of Kandinsky.
- Year 2          Sóley for trying very hard to finish her work this week.  
Aditya for writing a lovely text about EAL for his QR code.
- Year 3          Hana for the effort and concentration that went into her beautiful,

detailed painting.

Wahed for his excellent behaviour, his superb work in all subjects and his enthusiastic participation in class life.

Year 4 Tala for writing a super sports report.

Swarnima for reaping the benefits of hard work and a top attitude.

Year 5 / 6 Divgun for an outstanding improvement in her dictation result this week - you have proved to yourself that you can do it!

Shivang for finally agreeing with Mrs Tranter (and proving) that hard work does make a difference!

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

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”

Charles Dickens

## Spring Term 2018

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 trip to Moulin d'Alimentation d'Evere
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4/5/6 trip to Moulin d'Alimentation d'Evere
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Break
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Book Week
Thursday 1st March	Book Fair by Treasure Trove
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Dressing up as a book character day –
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 10.00	Year 5/6 trip to La Montagne Magique to see Hocus Pocus
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 10.00	Year 4 trip to La Montagne Magique to see La Princess au petit pois

## Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4, 5 and 6 residential trip to Rippledown House
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00	Year 3 trip to La Montagne Magique to see Bizar

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