

## Newsletter – 16 March 2018

As next week is going to be **the last week of term**, please note that there will not be any extra-curricular activities in that week. The term will end at 15.25 (15.30 in the Junior department) on Friday so please make sure that your child is picked up at that time. As always on the last day of term there will not be a garderie service on that day. The normal minibus routes will depart the school at 15.30.

**Once again BISB will be participating in ‘Splash 2018’** this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. This is an annual Charity swimming event that BISB has taken part in since 2008 where teams of volunteers (including children, staff members and parent volunteers) swim laps as a relay team for a 55 minute period. Information has been circulated within school to let you know how you can take part too. Please see <http://lionsheraldic.net/splash/welcome-splash> for more details. Our swimmers are swimming between 11.00 and 12.00 so everybody taking part should be gathering at 10.20 and ready changed by 10.50 at the poolside. The venue address is Omnisport Neder-over-Heembeek Pool, rue du lombardsijdestraat, 120, 1120 Brussels.

For the parking ticket to display near the pool please see <http://lionsheraldic.net/sites/lionsheraldic.net/files/2017-10/Splash%202018%20Parking%20Ticket.pdf> .

This annual event is a swimming relay in aid of charities in Belgium and this year, monies raised will go to a Brussels city farm which educates, trains and provides work for people with special needs; and a centre in the Ardennes which allows people with disabilities to interact, care for and ride horses.

On Monday of next week (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March) our **Year 4 class will be visiting La Montagne Magique** theatre to see La Princess au Petit Pois, which will, of course, be in French.

The coffee morning to be held next Friday (23<sup>rd</sup> March, 09.00) will be in the Junior department library again and will be a **Rippledwn House briefing** coffee morning, giving people a chance to ask any questions about the upcoming residential trip to Rippledwn House .

Could we ask that parents let us know as a matter of urgency **if any of your contact details have changed since the start of the school year** and the school has not yet been informed? If you have a new phone number, or new address, or email address the please let us know straight away by sending an email to [schooloffice@bisb.org](mailto:schooloffice@bisb.org) .

On Friday of next week (23<sup>rd</sup> March) the Junior Department will be having an **adventure assembly to Parc Cinquantenaire**.

Sadly last week's Year 2 trip to the park on Tuesday to investigate the first signs of spring had to be called off due to the weather so this has now been rearranged for this coming Tuesday. The weather forecast is good and so we would also like to ask for one parent volunteer to accompany this outing please.

Please note that the **90 day deadline** for informing the school in writing that you will be leaving at the end of this school year falls on Saturday, 31st March. If you subsequently inform us of your departure for this school year after this date then the refundable deposit will be retained by the school.

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

- For Nursery      If you could design a uniform for a nursery rhyme character, who would it be for, and what would you make for them?
- For Reception    What time do you wake up in the morning? What time do you go to bed?
- For Year 1        What are you going to do in the Easter holidays?
- For Year 2        Are the golden rules teaching us to be good people? Why do you think this?
- For Year 3        What strategies can I use to help me tackle work that seems difficult?
- For Year 4        What do you think was the biggest event in the EU's history?
- For Year 5 / 6    Why is personal hygiene so important?

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      Marie-Sophie for confidently completing the water activities in swimming.  
Pranavi for showing increasing independence when reading.
- Year 1          Hiya for making a great start to her studies at BISB.  
Malhaar for being cheerful in class and behaving very well on his first class trip at BISB.
- Year 2          Freja for a super literacy report on the new pier.

- Year 3 Thomas for excellent work on multiplication this week.  
Wahed for his fantastic efforts to concentrate and complete work, particularly in maths.  
Alex for his calm, determined approach to his work and for tackling test challenges like a true detective.
- Year 4 Chetan for great improvements in swimming.  
Marina for an incredible performance in the Asia V Europe football match.
- Year 5 / 6 Sandra for her amazing code-breaking skills - the quickest codebreaker in the class!  
Divgun for showing determination to succeed in all her studies - what an example!

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

“It matters if you just don't give up.”

- Stephen Hawking

- Spring Term 2018

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Year 4, 5 and 6 children visit to the House of European History at the European Parliament.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
11.00

Splash 2018 – Charity Swimming Event  
Omnisport Neder-over-Heembeek Pool,  
rue du lombardsijdestraat, 120, 1120 Brussels.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
10.00

Year 4 trip to La Montagne Magique  
to see La Princess au petit pois

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Year 2 is off to the park to search for the first signs of spring.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Junior Department adventure assembly  
Parc Cinquantenaire.

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Year 4, 5 and 6 residential trip  
to Rippledawn 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