

Newsletter – 4 May 2018

Tomorrow (Saturday 5th May) we shall be hosting our **Flower Power Coffee and Crafts morning** from 10.00 to 12.00. There will be lots of flower crafts to make and face painting so do come along to the Infant department and join in the fun. Everybody is very welcome and you are all invited to come along in flowery style clothes for the occasion. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in our Infants department.

Please don't forget that the **school will be closed on Thursday and Friday of next week** for the Ascension Public Holiday and half term. We look forward to seeing you all again, after that long weekend, on Monday 14th May.

The calendar for the next school year, 2018 / 19, is attached at the end of this newsletter and so will be included in each newsletter from now on until June 2019. The calendar incorporates a change for next year's Parent-Teacher interviews. We have decided to include two days when the school will not be open to children with the day being specifically devoted to appointments for teachers to discuss each child's progress with the parent. These will be on Friday, October 26, 2018, which is the day before the autumn term half term break and also on Friday, April 5, 2019, which is the day after the end of the spring term.

On Monday 7 May our **Year 3 class is going to the Thomas Owen library** for a special event around the Prix Versele, which is a children's books prize voted for by children. They will leave school around 10.15 and return around 11.30 from the library which is nearby in Avenue de Roodebeek.

If you or your children are likely to be **out and about in the woods or grassy areas at this time of year** parents should be aware that that ticks are about. Therefore please check yourself and your child after such a visit to make sure that they are not carrying a tick which can bury into the skin. If you think that you have found a tick then please visit your doctor to ensure that it is removed properly.

Don't forget that our **International Day celebration**, when we celebrate the many nationalities represented at BISB (around 25 at the last count) will this year be on Saturday, June 16th.

Parents may wish to make a note of the **dates for the summer shows** for parents, which are as follows

- Thursday 14th June – Year 1 and Year 2 show to be held in the Infant department at 14.30.
- Monday 25th June – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 show to be held at De Lijsterbes theatre.

- Wednesday 27th June – Nursery and Reception show to be held in the Infant department.

These dates are available at the end of each newsletter throughout the summer term.

Could we ask that parents let us know **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 .

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

For Nursery

For Reception What sort of creature would you like to be – one that digs, one that flies or one that swims?

For Year 1 How do caterpillars change into butterflies?

For Year 2 How can we help our earth? Think of ways you, your family and our class can do more.

For Year 3 How can we encourage wildlife in the city and in our school environment?

For Year 4 When considering where to go next in the forest, name and explain 5 actions or things you can do or use to find the way correctly?

For Year 5 / 6 Would you eat a tarantula?

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.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

Reception Yuvanthi for good work on the tricky words 'go', 'no' and 'so'.

Niteesh for increased confidence in speaking during circle time.

Year 1 Huma for writing a good story of her own based on 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

Prajwal for working hard in maths lessons.

Year 2 Mahum for always being very responsible and doing the visual timetable every day

Arnav for a well written information text on pterodactyls.

Year 3 Anoushka for her amazingly detailed and vivid explanation of the photosynthesis process.

Alex for his concentration and perseverance in all his work, but particularly in maths and spelling.

Year 4 Bilal for magnificent multiplication and brilliant batting

Tala and Zuzanna for a fantastic friction experiment together
Year 5 / 6 Aadit for his enthusiastic participation in our digestive system
experiment – will you ever want to eat baked beans?
Shubham for his new found confidence in the classroom – it is great
to see (and hear) you enjoying our learning!

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

“Education has for its object the formation of character.”

- Herbert Spencer

Summer Term 2018

Saturday 5 th May 10.00 – 12.00	Flower Power – our floral themed Coffee and Craft Morning in the Infant department
Monday 7 th May	Year 3 class visit to the Thomas Owen library
Tuesday 8 th May	Year 4 forest map reading expedition.
Monday 28 th May Friday 1 st June	Outdoor Learning Week
Friday 1 st June	Inter School Football and Netball tournaments
Tuesday 12 th June 10.00	Year 3 trip to La Montagne Magique to see Bizar
Thursday 14 th June 14.30	Year 1 and Year 2 show to be held in the Infant department.
Saturday 16 th June	International Day
Monday 25 th June 17.00	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 show to be held De Lijsterbes theatre
Wednesday 27 th June 11.30	Nursery and Reception show to be held in the Infant department

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

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2018 / 2019

Autumn Term

Monday, September 3, 2018

Start of Autumn Term

Wednesday, September 12 Curriculum Briefing Evening

Friday, October 26, 2018 School Closed – Parents' Appointments Day

Monday, October 29, 2018 Half Term
- Friday, November 2, 2018 Break

Friday, December 21, 2018 at 12.15 **End of Autumn Term**

Spring Term

Monday, January 7, 2019

Start of Spring Term

Friday, March 1, 2019 School Closed – Staff Training Day

Monday, March 4, 2019 Half Term
- Friday, March 8, 2019 Break

Thursday, April 4, 2019

End of Spring Term

Friday, April 5, 2019 School Closed – Parents' Appointments Day

Summer Term

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Start of Summer Term

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 May Day Public Holiday

Thursday, May 30, 2019 Ascension Public Holiday
Friday, May 31 2019 Half Term Holiday

Monday, June 10, 2019 Pentecost Holiday

Friday June 28th 2019 at 12.15 **End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 2nd, 2019