

Newsletter – 07 September 2018

We would like to welcome **all new families** who have joined the school this year into the BISB community. The number of families joining us has been a record number this year. For all BISB families both new and old, there is a welcome coffee morning tomorrow morning from 10.00 to 12.00. We look forward to seeing you there.

On Wednesday evening next week (Wednesday 12th September at 18.00 in both buildings) there will be a **Curriculum briefing evening** for parents to find out about what their child will be learning during the year. This is for all children **apart from the Nursery children** who have already had their briefing. Please note that the briefing is not appropriate for children and therefore they should not be attending this evening. Parents should go to the department building where their child's class is located. Please also note that next Wednesday is NOT an opportunity to talk about the progress of your child as this will take place on Friday, October 26th instead.

Could we ask that parents put their **child's name in the school jumpers**? In this way it is much easier to return the jumper if your child misplaces it. Many thanks.

We have been joined this year by **several new members of staff**. Elín Hafstein has joined us as our Reception teacher covering for Naomi Irakoze, who is away on parental leave. Charlotte Mertens has joined BISB as the school secretary on a temporary basis whilst Sabine Ryon is away. Fiona King (who was in school throughout last year as a student teacher) has joined us as a class assistant in the Junior department and we also have a new Garderie Supervisor who started this week. Vanessa de Fine will be looking after the BISB children who are not picked up by 15.30.

We are very pleased to see that practically all of the children are wearing the correct school uniform. We would like to remind you that the uniform for a normal school day is grey trousers or skirt/pinafore with a white school polo shirt and a green BISB jumper or cardigan. **Shoes should be smart brown, black or navy.** On PE and swimming days the children should come to school in green BISB jogging trousers, white t-shirt and green school jumper and they should wear trainers. **We do not allow football boots with studs.** Please make sure that you have put your child's name into all items of clothing and then we can return lost items to their correct owner.

The **information about after school activities** for this term will be circulated at the start of next week on Monday.

Amongst the activities on offer there will continue to be the possibility of learning piano at BISB on Tuesday or Thursday.

If your child is away from school for illness or for any other reason then we would appreciate receiving a short email explaining the situation. In this way we can see if there are any communicable illnesses in the school community.

Many thanks to all of the families who have **completed and returned the contact details form** but if you are yet to return them to the school office could we ask that you do so as soon as possible please?

Some parents may not be aware of how we use the **Talk Topics** that are described each Friday in the Newsletter. All we hope is that you can spare about 10 – 15 minutes during the weekend to spend with your child discussing the talk topic. It is a great opportunity for parents to be involved in the child's language development. This is simply a discussion task where nothing needs to be written or memorised. It is a chance to develop the children's language and vocabulary skills and then later in the week they share their ideas in class. The aim is to actively encourage the development of their listening and talking skills in order to develop children's writing ability in the future. This can be in your own language if the child is still learning English but we are, of course, working towards carrying this out in English.

The **weekly Coffee mornings** are going to be held every Friday morning at 09.00 in the Junior department library, starting next Friday. This will also give you a chance to change your library books from the large selection of books in English for parents and teachers. For this week we are hosting the welcome coffee morning for all families tomorrow morning from 10.00 to 12.00 in the infant department.

The **School Photograph day** will be on Wednesday 17th October this year. Therefore we expect that all children will be able to attend school as normal on that day. There will be an opportunity afterwards to buy photographs taken then, including, individual, class and school photographs.

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

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| For Nursery | Tell mummy and daddy all about your first week in nursery. |
| For Reception | What do you like doing at the weekend with your parents? |
| For Year 1 | Tell us about your family. Who are the members of your family? |
| For Year 2 | If you were a deep sea diver, what would you like to see in the depths of the ocean?" |
| For Year 3 | Should all stories have a happy ending? Why? Why not?" |
| For Year 4 | Which fairy-tale character would you most like to have a playdate with? Explain why? |
| For Year 5 | Discuss the spherical body and flat earth theories and try to |

find evidence to support them.

For Year 6 How was your first week back in school?

For all those families paying fees by Domiciliation each month please note that the target date for the amounts to be taken 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.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Aadya for being very helpful and a good friend.
Aarush for good listening and following instructions.
- Year 1 Samanvitha - for starting the year as she finished the last - always doing her best, and with a big smile!
Akshathsai - for a great first week at BISB, and doing everything with a smile!
- Year 2 Suhail for working hard in all subjects and for being sensible and helpful.
Trishan for his superb retelling of the Unexpected Visitor story.
- Year 3 Anwitha for her excellent Willow Pattern plate design.
Jacob for good participation in science and art.
- Year 4 Sat for impressive technique in his painting and fielding (what a run out!)
Wahed for his articulate reasoning in maths and Circle Time
- Year 5 Tala for starting the year on a positive note and making lots of effort in her work
- Year 6 Juliana for her positive attitude and participation in our maths lessons – what a growth mindset to begin the new academic year with!

Please let us know as soon as possible **if you think that you may be leaving in this autumn term** i.e. any time up till December 2018. The 90 day deadline for the end of this term for written notice of departure, after which deposits will not be refunded, will fall on Saturday 22nd September.

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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

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Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 12th September
18.00

Curriculum Briefing
In Infant & Junior departments

Tuesday 25th September

Junior department trip to the
EU Science is Wonderful exhibition

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