

It is very regrettable but **the school will not be able to send our Year 4, 5 and 6 children to Rippledown House in 2019**, because of the UK leaving the European Union. At the moment children who are non-European passport holders benefit from a European Union agreement that if they attend a school within the EU then they do not need an individual visa for travel with a school trip between EU countries. In the spring of 2019 the majority of our children will be non-EU and so would almost certainly require individual visas to enter the UK. The uncertainty is simply because it is not clear what will happen with Brexit over the next 6 months. However we are now in the situation where we would have to make a financial commitment for accommodation and travel and this is something that cannot be done with this huge amount of continuing uncertainty. We are now in the process of confirming a trip to a similar centre in Belgium and we will issue those details next week.

Could parents please be aware that under Belgian law **all parents have an obligation to see that their child attends full time schooling** if they are over the age of 6. Consequently every September we send the names and addresses of all children attending BISB to the Belgian education authorities so that they know, and can check at any time, who is coming to school here. It is therefore not possible for the school to approve a child's unauthorised absence from school. This is a matter between the Belgian authorities and parents.

Year 6 students will be visiting the exhibition 'Unheard Voices' at the House of European History on Tuesday, 2nd October. This is a 'small backpack' outing; children are scheduled to be travelling on public transport but if there is transport disruptions because of the strike then they will walk and will return before the end of the school day.

We still have some spaces for anyone (Years 2 – 6) joining our **Modern Creative Dance club on Tuesday afternoons** after school. This club is being offered by Sylvia the external teacher who ran the same club very successfully last year. The club is now up and running but would benefit from 1 or 2 extra dancers, either boys or girls. If your child is interested then please send an email into the school office.

We are surprised that there are still one or two parents sending children to school without coats. The weather is now noticeably colder compared to the start of the term therefore all **children should be wearing coats** to school and have coats available to them in school. We expect children to be dressed appropriately as we will always look to take children outside during playtimes.

Please note that the **school will be closed on Friday, October 26th 2018** to enable Parent - Teacher Appointments Day to take place. Appointments

will be taking place throughout the day from 08.45 finishing at 17.00 and appointment times will be sent out next week. In these discussions teachers will be able to talk about each child's individual progress. If you also want to have an appointment with your child's French teacher then that will be possible on the morning of Friday, October 26th. Please send an email into the school office as soon as possible and by Friday 19th October at the latest.

The **weekly Coffee mornings** are 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.

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 | What colour are your mummy and daddy's eyes? Are they the same colour as yours or different? |
| For Reception | What do you want to be when you grow up, and why? |
| For Year 1 | We can all see. What would it be like if we couldn't see? |
| For Year 2 | How are humans damaging animal habitats? |
| For Year 3 | We are going to read a story called 'Chinese Adventure'. Where would you visit on an adventure in China and what would you do there? |
| For Year 4 | Which stand at the 'Science is Wonderful! Expo' made the most impression on you? And the least? Explain your answers. |
| For Year 5 | What was the most interesting thing you learnt at the EU Science is Wonderful exhibition? |
| For Year 6 | How do you think children cope in a war zone? |

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.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

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| Reception | Viaan for being really good at practising writing letters.
Aashrita for working really well with numbers. |
| Year 1 | Yuvanathi for excellent work in Literacy – Phonics, spelling and writing – well done!
Manasv for great work in the 'doubles challenge' in Maths – up to 'double 22'. |

- Year 2 Ragha for her great maths work and for doing her very best, every day!
Huma for her fantastic poem and for her positive attitude. She always works hard and always has a smile.
- Year 3 Anika for great work halving odd and even numbers.
Aadriyan for finding so many interesting facts about China for his China fact file.
- Year 4 Shinnosuke for wonderful science both in class and at the EU Science Expo.
- Year 5 Suhas for wonderfully accurate maths work on time this week.
- Year 6 Bhargav for his consistent outstanding English comprehension work - the effort and time taken is a worthwhile investment!

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

“I have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him.”
- Galileo Galilei (1564 - 1642)

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Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday September 25 th	Junior department trip to the EU Science is Wonderful exhibition
Tuesday October 2 nd	Year 6 outing to the House of European History
Monday October 8 th	Start of Junior Department Space Week
Wednesday October 17 th	School Photograph day
Thursday October 18 th	Year 6 Outing to the Atomium
Friday, October 26 th	School Closed for Parent - Teacher Appointments Day

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2018 / 2019

Autumn Term

Monday, September 3, 2018

Start of Autumn Term

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

Monday, October 29, 2018
- Friday, November 2, 2018

Half Term
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
- Friday, March 8, 2019

Half Term
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
Friday, May 31 2019

Ascension Public Holiday
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