

The **talk topics** for next week are as follows:-

For Nursery	Who is Santa Claus and what does he wear?
For Reception	What will you be doing during the Christmas holidays?
For Year 1	What do you like best about our Christmas Show?
For Year 2	If you were a musician, what instrument would you like to play, and why?
For Year 3	What is a new year's resolution? Can you think of at least one new year's resolution that you'd like to achieve in 2019?
For Year 4	What is your character in the play like? Are they like you?
For Year 5	How could we help in the conservation of endangered animals?
For Year 6	Do I behave responsibly online?

Please be aware that the end of term shows start being performed next week don't miss the dates **for the other end of term shows in December**. They will be firstly on Tuesday 11th December at 11.30 for the Reception show and this will be held in the Infant department.

Also next week, on Thursday 13th December, parents are invited to the Year 1 and Year 2 show which will be at the De Kam Theatre at 17.00. Please note that the De Kam Theatre is a different theatre to the one we used for the summer shows. You can get to the theatre on the 39 tram from Montgomery. The theatre is 350m from the stop 'Beek'. Please see <https://www.google.be/maps/@50.8436526,4.4892453,16.75z?hl=en> for the precise location.

We are very happy to inform everybody about the great success of the twins Rohan and Anjali in "Talent Hunt - 2018", which is an annual Europe wide event to find talented youngsters in the area of Indian classical music and dance within the EU. This was organised by Pinnacle Cultural Forum (Netherlands) in Diemen, Amsterdam. **The twins participated for the first time to sing Indian classical songs and did extremely well, winning first prize** and so being very deserving of many congratulations from everybody at BISB.

We introduced our weekly **Talk Topic for each class as a way of broadening children's vocabulary**, following the guidance "If children can't say it then they can't write it". It is thus an important contribution to each child's use of language. Over the last few years we have also become aware that children at BISB, and indeed all over the world, are tending to spend a lot of time passively engaged with a screen. We feel that this is having a negative effect on their use of language and so we would encourage families to spend as much time as possible talking together and the Talk Topic can also be

useful in this area. For the younger children you can discuss the Talk Topic in your own language if not everybody in the family feels comfortable speaking English.

We are still finding that too many children are arriving at school after 09.00. All parents should be aiming to catch an earlier bus or tram so that the problem of disturbing the children in class does not arise. **Please try to arrive closer to 08.30 than 09.00 as it is not OK to arrive between 09.00 and 09.10.**

Please don't miss the dates **for the other end of term shows in December**. After next week they will be on Monday 17th December for the Junior department show at 17.00 at the De Kam Theatre. Please note that the De Kam Theatre is a different theatre to the one we used for the summer shows. You can get to the theatre on the 39 tram from Montgomery. The theatre is 350m from the stop 'Beek'.

As well as the show dates listed above please note that **the Nursery Show** will this year be on Monday 17 December at 11.30am. This show for parents will be held in the infant department.

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 thus the next deduction will be on Thursday 3rd January.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Akira for doing an excellent job in learning the /ch/ diagraph and for really good drawing and colouring!
Vaibhav for being so good at practising his writing and for always being such a kind and caring friend!
- Year 1 Anirudhkrishnan for good work in improving his writing and spelling.
Akshathsai for good work in Maths, using coins to make different amounts of money.
- Year 2 Mohith for his excellent progress in reading, and for sharing his favourite books.
Rhithul for his detailed, careful artwork and for trying very hard with his lines.
- Year 3 Jacob for an amazing book report and great independent colouring on his Christmas card.
Ishan for super work with his spellings this week.
- Year 4 Lavanya for cracking decimal division and dashing dancing
- Year 5 Dev for wonderful work in dancemat typing and always doing his very best.
- Year 6 Oskar for his enthusiasm in our maths lessons and answering some very tricky questions, correctly!

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

“Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house.”

- Henry Ward Beecher

Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 5 th December	Years 1 and 2 visit to Flagey Concert Hall to see Brussels Philharmonic Orchestra
Friday 7 th December	Mrs Halvorsen's Year 3/4 French group going to the local library 'Thomas Owen'
Tuesday 11 th December 11.30 Infant department	Reception show
Thursday 13 th December 17.00 De Kam Theatre	Year 1 and Year 2 show
Monday 17 th December 11.30 in the Infant department	Nursery Show
Monday 17 th December 17.00 De Kam Theatre	Junior department show
Friday, 21 st December at 12.15	End of Autumn Term

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 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