

Newsletter – 21 December 2018

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

For Nursery	If you had a space ship where would you go?
For Reception	Tell us some of the exciting things you did over the holidays!
For Year 1	What was the best thing about your Christmas holiday?
For Year 2	If you illustrated a book, what sort of art techniques would you use, and why?"
For Year 3	Our new topic is 'Celebrity chefs'. Do you know about any famous Chefs?'
For Year 4	What might be the best things about living in the Lappish Arctic Circle?
For Year 5	Who is David Attenborough? What is he most famous for?
For Year 6	Have you chosen a topic to debate for next term?

Please let us know as soon as possible if you think that you may be leaving BISB by the end of the Spring term i.e. any time up till April 2019. Please note that the **90 day deadline for the end of next term** for written notice of departure, after which deposits will not be refunded, will fall during this coming holiday on Friday 4th January, 2019.

One person who is leaving us this week, although only temporarily, is Mrs Mayeur, our music teacher as she is commencing her maternity leave, with her new baby expected early in the New Year. From January all of the school's music lessons will be taken by Ms di Fine.

For all new families arriving in Brussels for the start of the spring term in January, you 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 .

As usual we are experiencing a **significant demand for places for our Nursery for September 2019**. So much so that at this stage (assuming that all of our pre-Nursery children continue into next year's Nursery) we only have 5 places left for morning sessions in September. This means that if you are thinking of a Nursery place for a younger brother or sister at any time up to June 2020 then you should contact the school office as soon as possible.

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.

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

“It has been said that man is a rational animal. All my life I have been searching for evidence which could support this.”

- Bertrand Russell

Autumn Term 2018

Friday, 21st December
at 12.20 (12.15 for Infant dept)

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
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