

Newsletter – 11 January 2019

Happy New Year to all of the BISB families, including the several new families that joined the school this week. We feel sure that you are already starting to feel part of the vibrant BISB community.

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

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| For Nursery | If an alien came around for tea, what would you give them to eat? |
| For Reception | What did you like best about the Three Little Pigs story? |
| For Year 1 | What is your favourite toy, and why? |
| For Year 2 | Why are some bears threatened with extinction, and what should we do about it?" |
| For Year 3 | During World War 2 people couldn't always get the ingredients they needed for their recipes. How do you think they tried to solve the problem? |
| For Year 4 | What is the greatest challenge facing humankind now? |
| For Year 5 | Discuss what you and your family would put into a "life in a box" |
| For Year 6 | How does the view from your bedroom window compare to that of Bruno's? |

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, was on Friday 4th January, 2019 and therefore has now passed.

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 Monday 4th February as February 3rd falls on a weekend. Also please note that we send the domiciliation information to the bank a few days before the 3rd so any request to pause a payment made 24 – 48 hours before the scheduled date is usually too late for us to act upon.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Mihir for doing a great job in phonics this week and for being really good at practising his writing!
Aarush for being really good at practising his sounds, his writing and his reading!
- Year 1 Hemitha for settling into BISB and learning our routines so quickly.
Niteesh for working hard in Maths finding 1 more and 1 less.
- Year 2 Surya for his original Old Bear storyboard and his fantastic illustration.
Malhaar for his excellent work in all subjects this week and another superb illustration!
- Year 3 Priyal for trying hard to solve word problems using place value.
Anika for good work with using adverbs in our grammar lesson.
- Year 4 Aarav for super reading
- Year 5 Aishwarya for always giving of her best and showing great enthusiasm.
- Year 6 Eashan for researching WWII in such detail during the holiday - well done for using your own initiative!

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

“No one political party can fool all of the people all of the time; that's why we have two parties.”

- Bob Hope

Spring Term 2019

Monday 14 th January	Start of After School Activities
Tuesday 22 nd January	Years 5&6 visit to the Montagne Magique
Wednesday 23 rd January	Years 1 & 2 visit to the Brussels Museum of Natural Sciences
Monday March 4 th	Half Term
Friday March 8 th	Holiday
Thursday 4 th April at 15.30 (15.25 for Infant dept)	End of Spring 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