

Newsletter – 04 April 2019

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

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| For Nursery | Wherever you visit on holiday, with mummy and daddy, tell them what you liked most about the visit and why |
| For Reception | Tell us about your Easter Holiday. What exciting things did you do? |
| For Year 1 | What do you already know about the jungle? |
| For Year 2 | What would you like to do in your Easter holidays, and why?" |
| For Year 3 | What would you take on a camping trip? |
| For Year 4 | Explain your superhero gadget to someone? What does it do? How did you build it? What was the best/most difficult part? |
| For Year 5 | If you could be any animal for a day, what would you be and why? |
| For Year 6 | Should I revise during the holiday? |

We had 3 very successful teams swimming in last weekend's **Brussels Lions Club Swimarathon, 'Splash 2019'** and if you have sponsored one of our swimmers then please don't wait to be chased for the money. make sure that you deliver the money promised as soon as possible as the money raised is going to a refuge for young and handicapped people who are experiencing temporary family difficulties; and also to buy new Tobii technology - a communication system with ocular control that enables disabled children interact with computers using their eyes which will help registered disabled athletes at the t'Vojse athletics club for a Special Olympics.

Years 4, 5 & 6 will be going on **their residential trip this year** to Botassart, in the Ardennes. This will be from Tuesday, 23rd April – Friday, 26th April 2019. Please note that the 23rd is the first day after the holiday and so the children shall be departing from the Junior Department building **as soon as possible after 09.00 on the first day of the Summer term**. Our provisional time for the return back to Brussels on Friday 26th April is 1600. Please see <http://www.saint-servais-botassart.be/> for more information. If parents wish to relay an important message to the group whilst the children are away then they should ring or text to 0479 28 61 39. This is intended to be for urgent or very important messages only.

Don't forget also that during the same four days **our Year 2 children will spend the week in the Junior department** which will therefore have Year 2 and Year 3 working within it.

For all new families arriving in Brussels 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.

Please take note that the **BISB Calendar for the 2019 / 20 academic year** is attached to the end of this weekly newsletter and so it will be available each week for the next 15 months.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you think that you may be leaving BISB at any time before June 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, i.e. 90 days before the end of the school year Friday June 28th, has now passed.

As there is a very significant demand for school places at BISB throughout the year we ask for notice of withdrawal so that we are informed when the school place is going to be available and can be offered to other families joining BISB. Please note therefore that **if you have written to give us notice you can assume that the school place has already been given to another family.**

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 so the next deduction will be on Friday 3rd May. Also please note that we send the domiciliation information to the bank a few days before the 3rd so any request made 24 – 48 hours before the scheduled date to pause a payment is usually too late for us to act upon.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Saksham for doing a great job with his number bonds this week!
 Shanvika for brilliant progress with her reading and her writing!
- Year 1 Ayra for trying hard to learn her phonics sounds and for doing well in spelling.
 Sanvi for having improved so much in Maths and for having been such a kind and friendly classmate
- Year 2 Prajwal for his excellent story writing and his great determination in maths.
 Diya for her cheerful smile and for concentrating very hard and achieving great results.
- Year 3 Daswanth for making a good start at BISB and working hard in lessons.
 Aadriyan for sensational maths all week.
- Year 4 Alex for his triumph in the heat and hills of Ossegem (orienteering).
 Akhil for his creativity and helping to find material in school for

Design Technology Day.

Year 5 Maanas for a very good result in his Maths test.

Year 6 Yatin for working so hard with his homework and always handing it in on time - thank you!

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

"I've found that worry and irritation vanish into thin air the moment I open my mind to the many blessings I possess."

- Dale Carnegie

Spring Term 2019

Monday April 1 st	Year 4 visit to the Montagne Magique
Thursday 4 th April at 15.30 (15.25 for Infant dept)	End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 rd April	Start of Term
Tuesday 23 rd April 09.00 depart	Year 4, 5 and 6 children to Botssart for Residential week
Friday 26 th April 16.00 arrival	Year 4, 5 and 6 children return from Botssart after Residential week
Tuesday 30 th April 11.00-12.45	Year 1 trip to park at Wezembeek
Wednesday 1 st May	School Closed - May Day Public Holiday
Saturday 4 th May 10.00 – 12.00	Summer Craft Morning
Saturday 11 th May Parc Cinquantaire 05.00	Darkness Into Light - 5km walk for Mental Health Awareness
Monday 13 th May	Start of ‘Our Human Footprint’ week
Monday 10 th June	School Closed - Pentecost Holiday
Saturday 15 th June	International Day
Monday 17 th June	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Show
Friday 21 st June	Year 1 and 2 Show
Friday 28 th June at 12.15	End of Summer 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

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2019 / 2020

Autumn Term

Monday, September 2, 2019

Start of Autumn Term

Wednesday, September 11 Curriculum Briefing Evening

Friday, October 25, 2019 School Closed – Parents’ Appointments Day

Monday, October 28, 2019 Half Term
- Friday, November 1, 2019 Break

Monday, November 11, 2019 Armistice Day Holiday

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 12.20 **End of Autumn Term**

Spring Term

Monday, January 6, 2020

Start of Spring Term

Friday, Feb 21?, 2020 *School Closed – Staff Training Day*

Monday, February 24, 2020 Half Term
- Friday, February 28, 2020 Break

Thursday, April 2, 2020 **End of Spring Term**

Friday, April 3, 2020 School Closed – Parents’ Appointments Day

Summer Term

Monday, April 20, 2020

Start of Summer Term

Friday, May 1, 2020 May Day Public Holiday

Thursday, May 21, 2020 Ascension Public Holiday
Friday, May 22, 2020 Half Term Holiday

Monday, June 1, 2020 Pentecost Holiday

Wednesday July 1 2020 at 12.20 **End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Tuesday, September 1st, 2020