

**BORDEAUX INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER / BULLETIN D'INFORMATION - N° 1 - SEPT 2008**  
**1st term 2008 – 2009**

I am delighted to send you the first newsletter of the new school year and thus welcome you all to Bordeaux International School. This first week is going well and every one, both younger and older pupils, will soon be settling into their new school routine.

**NUMBERS:**

We are pleased to see many new students this year (1/3 are new in Primary and 2/3 in Secondary), amounting to a total of about 100 (with some leaving or coming throughout the year).

**ANNUAL PROJECT:**

Our annual theme is “Bridges / Ponts” and will be applied throughout the school in an effort to provide all possible opportunities to experiment, develop and appreciate the links which unite us and help us feel like we belong to a community. This project will complement class activities and allow for team work and collaboration.

**WELCOME EVENING:**

On Thursday, **11th September from 18.00 to 19.30**, we would like to invite you to a "wine and cheese" party, to give all of us, both parents and teachers, the opportunity to meet and get to know each other better.

**PTA:**

Our dynamic Parents Teachers Association (PTA) is up and running again. We invite you to come to our first meeting on Thursday, 25th September at 16.15, and to bring your ideas and suggestions. On the Agenda : Photographs; week book; re-Accreditation of BIS; class representatives; communication within the school; playground.

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION:**

A new tool to improve communication within the school: a **detailed calendar** now being published on our school web site, where all school dates and events can be found, such as: parents' meetings; holidays; PTA; class photos, outings, etc. Please check on : [www.bordeaux-school.com](http://www.bordeaux-school.com). Or by direct access on : [http://www.my.calendars.net/bis\\_agenda](http://www.my.calendars.net/bis_agenda)

Office hours: from 8.30 to 12.30 and from 13.00 to 17.00. Outside these hours, you can leave a message on the answering machine or send an email : [bis@bordeaux-school.com](mailto:bis@bordeaux-school.com).

Front door : is opened from within the office (see hours above); outside office hours (lunch break and meetings) and in case of emergency, please ring the school telephone number.

Child-minding : from 16.15 to 17.15; for pupils who stay everyday or occasionally. Please register beforehand.

**PRIMARY and EARLY LEARNING:**

All parents are invited to attend the first general information meeting of the year on **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September at 18.00**, when timetables, lists of equipment, and general information on the organisation of this school year will be presented.

Assessments are being carried out throughout September for French 1st language, English 1st language and Mathematics.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SECONDARY:**

Please can parents be sure to check their child's diary every week and sign to confirm that they have seen it on the 'Sunday' page.

A new scheme this year for Secondary students : “Modules” every Tuesday afternoon offering a variety of activities - linguistic, artistic or academic – which will alternate every half term (more information to follow soon)