



Newsletter 11

20th November 2009

Breaking news

If there is one date that you cannot possibly afford to miss this school year, then it has to be Saturday the 27th of March 2010. This is the day that we are going to officially inaugurate the new building and hall with a huge celebration. It will be the culmination of a whole week of activities and fun, including the Spring Concert. Please make a note of this date in your diaries, as we would love to have the whole school community involved on this very special day.

Parent contact meetings

The first round of parent contact meetings were held on Tuesday evening and we had a very good turnout. The second round of meetings is scheduled for next Wednesday, 25 November, between 4:00 and 6:00pm. If you have not yet scheduled a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and next steps, please make sure that you do this on Monday or Tuesday next week. We would like every parent in our school to make use of this really valuable opportunity.

'Bring a Bottle'

We will be running a Christmas craft day for the children at the end of this term and we are collecting little jam jars for one of the activities. All children, in years 1 to 4, are asked to bring in a see through jar with a wide lid and a capacity of 150 to 200ml. Please deliver them to the school office or to Caroline.

Christianity Explored

Developed over 10 years, Christianity Explored is an informal course for people who'd like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics. It explores who Jesus was, what his aims were, and what it means to follow him.

You won't be asked to pray, sing or read aloud, and you can ask any questions you like. Or, if you prefer, you can just come along and listen.

We will be running the course at school for any parents who may be interested (and their friends) starting on 13 January 2010. The course will be presented by Chris Edwards (from St Paul's Church) and will run each Wednesday morning from 9:15 to 10:30am for 10 weeks. There will be tea and coffee provided (possibly even a croissant or muffin too) and some time at the beginning or end to chat to other people on the course. If you have any questions, please contact Brett, or have a look at the Christianity Explored website at www.christianityexplored.org/

Now that's what I call music!

Do you enjoy singing popular, upbeat music? Will one of your New Year's Resolutions be taking up a new hobby or re-kindling a favourite past-time? If the answer is yes, then read on!

A new adult choir is being established, starting on Thursday 07 January 2010 from 8:00 – 9:30pm. We will meet in the school hall of St. Paul's British Primary School, Stationsstraat 3, Vossem on alternate Thursdays. We aim to sing for pleasure and have fun, whilst making new friends.

No auditions, but a good voice and ear for music are desirable. A minimal joining fee of €25 for the year and a small weekly payment of €2.50 will cover the cost of music and overheads.

For more information contact Rachael Bateman, 02 306 5515 or rachael_bateman@hotmail.com or Sian Macey, 02 731 3201 or maceycardiff@hotmail.co.uk

Dutch Classes

Do you get frustrated that you don't understand any Dutch? Would you like to know how to ask for bread in your local bakery, order meat at your butchers, exchange everyday pleasantries with your neighbours, and lots more!

A weekly Dutch beginners' course will start on Tuesday 12 January from 9:15 – 10:30am at school. If you're interested in attending this course please give your details to Sarah in the office by Friday 20 November. A weekly fee of 5 euros will be payable to cover the tutors time and any photocopying materials.

If you need further information please contact Vivienne Kamphuis on 0477 388 983 or vivienne.bird@telenet.be

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 25 November
Wednesday 9 December
Saturday 12 December
Tuesday 15 December
Wednesday 16 December
Thursday 17 December
Friday 18 December

Parent Contact Meetings – 4:00 to 6:00pm
Christmas 'shopping' morning
Christmas Fair from 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Christmas Concert Dress rehearsal
Christmas Concert at 11:00am
Carols Evening 6:30 for 7:00pm
End of term, 12 noon

Monday 4 January 2010
Monday 15 to Friday 19 January 2010

Start of Spring Term
Half term break