

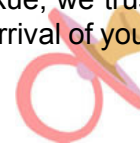


E-News Launch

Well, here it is!! Our very first Electronic Newsletter. We have done a couple of trials to small groups, and they seem to have worked, but today is the first day that our newsletter goes out to the whole school in this format. We are also very pleased to announce the launch of our dedicated newsletter email address – newsletter@stpaulsbps.com. There will be a reminder about this facility at the end of every newsletter and we would love to receive your comments on articles featured in the newsletters, as well as items for future newsletters.

Welcome Baby 'Shii'

We are delighted to celebrate the arrival of baby 'Shii' with the Kondo family. Shii was born on Sunday night and 'big sister' Rio, in the Reception class, could hardly wait to tell us all about it on Monday morning. Congratulations to Osamu and Ikue, we trust that you will be blessed by the arrival of your baby daughter.



Ark Bible Club

The Ark Bible Club is having a special Christmas celebration party in addition to their usual events here at school. Everyone is welcome, even though this is at a different venue. Please see the details from Didi below:



Where?	International Baptist Church in Wezembeek- Oppem, Lange Eikstraat 78 (near German school of Brussels)
Date?	December 11th
What time?	from 4:15 - 6:15pm
Ages?	5-12 years
Program?	Eat yummy snacks, make a Christmas craft, sing, listen to Christmas Bible lesson, & more!
Transport problem?	Contact Paul Moynan - he may have a solution!

Christmas Shopping Day

This is just a reminder that on Wednesday 9th December, we are holding a Christmas shopping morning for our children. They will be buying, wrapping and labelling presents for their parents during the morning, as long as you have sent in 2 gifts (one for a mum and one for a dad) at a value of €5 each. The deadline for receiving these gifts is Monday 7th December, so please go shopping this weekend if you have not done so yet. Please make sure that the gifts are in a plastic bag, with your child's name on it, and left in the boxes provided in First Steps, the Nursery, or outside the main school office. On Wednesday your child will need €3 to 'shop' with (€1.50 per parent) and this should be brought to school on the day in a sealed and named envelope. All the proceeds from this will be donated to the hospice at A.Z. St Pieters hospital in Leuven.

Please ensure that you let your class reps know if your child will NOT be participating on the day.



Christianity Explored

Have you ever wondered what the fundamental principles of Christianity are and why we run a Christian school such as St Paul's British Primary School by those principles? Have you ever been put off Christianity without ever really finding out what it's all about?

Then why not come and find out on the 'Christianity Explored' course.

We will be running the course at school for anyone who may be interested, 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.

Please book a place by emailing Brett at brettneilson@stpaulsbps.com or calling the school on 02 767 3098. For further information on the course, please have a look at the Christianity Explored website at www.christianityexplored.org/

Christmas Fair

Don't forget our Christmas Fair on Saturday 12th December 2009. Stalls and activities open at 2.00pm and there will be something for everyone. Why not come along and enjoy our freshly made cakes and confectionery, try your hand at cookie decorating and get your face painted? Obviously Santa will be there, with a friendly 'Ho ho ho' for all the children, but there will also be gifts on sale – from books to bags; artworks, crafts and tea towels! A great afternoon out for all the family.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 9 December	Christmas 'shopping' morning
Saturday 12 December	Christmas Fair from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas Concert Dress rehearsal
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas Concert at 11:00 am
Thursday 17 December	Carols Evening 6:30 for 7:00 pm
Friday 18 December	End of term, 12 noon
Monday 4 January 2010	Start of Spring Term
Monday 15 to Friday 19 February	Half term break
Monday 22 February	In Service Day
Wednesday 10 March	Parent Contact Meetings 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Tuesday 16 March	Parent Contact Meetings 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Saturday 27 March	Grand Opening of the School Hall
Wednesday 31 March	End of term, 12 noon



Newsletter

The weekly newsletter is meant to be informative and keep you updated on news and events at the school. If you have any questions about the articles featured in this or any other issue of the SPBPS Newsletter, or would like to see additional information featured, please send an email to: newsletter@stpaulsbps.com.

Brett

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