



'Whether the weather be cold'

There is something about snow that never loses its magic. This is especially true for children. When the novelty of snowball fights and snowmen has long since worn off for the adults, the children are still desperate to get out there and have fun with it. However, it has created a few problems over the past week. Last Saturday our newly formed choir was meant to perform in public for the very first time, but the snow and winds meant that it would be too risky to get the children there, and so we had to call it off. We did promise them that we would reschedule a performance especially for the folks at Zonienrust old age home on another date.



We've also had some major disruptions in the Nursery this week when the heating system stopped working. Fortunately we have the space in school now, so with a bit of compromise from the Reception classes, our Nursery children got their first taste of 'Big School'.

Thank you so much to all parents, staff and children for your patience and cooperation. I have been reassured by the technicians that we will be back in nursery on Monday, but I have learnt 'Not to count your chickens before they hatch!'

**Please remember to submit all comments or items
for inclusion in the newsletters to:**

newsletter@stpaulsbps.com

A Wintry Welcome

The St Paul's BPS family is celebrating the arrival of its newest member this week! Baby Sonoa was born early on Monday morning the 11th January 2010. Congratulations to the Yokota family and big brother Asuto in Reception.

We also welcome Ellen Ylosjoki to our Nursery class. We hope that Ellen and her family will settle in really quickly and soon find themselves involved in all the wonderful things that happen at the school.



Want to sing?

The adult choir that meets in our new hall had their first rehearsal last week. There were 12 very enthusiastic singers, who got stuck into a lovely traditional spiritual song called Deep River. The choir will remain open to new singers who want to join, so if you have not yet thought about starting something new this year, this may be your chance. The choir meets on alternate Thursday nights from 8:00pm and the next evening is Thursday 21 January 2010. For more information please contact:

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New Year Charitable Drive for the Aged

We have been asked by the representatives from Ziekenzorg and the British Charitable Trust to convey their thanks and appreciation for your generous gifts this week. They came to school on Tuesday morning to collect your gifts and explain to the children how they would be used. We raised €165 in cash and 4 large boxes and 2 shopping bags of food items. The local Flemish workers who accompanied the representatives are very appreciative of the growing role that this school is taking in the local community.

Parents Association

The topics for the next PA Meeting on the 28th January will be:

How to spend PA funds effectively and Road Safety

We would welcome ideas and suggestions, so please come along and have your say. If you can't attend the meeting but wish to make a point, please email the PA Secretary: ros@stampers.me.uk

Wait for it!



Hopefully everyone has the date of Saturday 27 March 2010 set aside for the celebration of the official opening of the new hall and buildings. Rumours abound and there is a lot of mystery surrounding the day.

Excitement is building and the early indications are that it will be a day to remember. The organising committee is working hard on the planning and we have enlisted help from our partner church – St Paul's Tervuren – with some of the organisation, so that we can enjoy more of the celebration.

Check your post boxes regularly – invitations are on their way, and whatever you do:

KEEP THE AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY 27 MARCH FREE!

Dates for your diary

Thursday 28 January	Parents Association meeting @ 20:00	Tuesday 16 March	Parent contact evening from 16:00 to 18:00
Tuesday 02 February	Reception trip to the Africa museum	Monday 22 to Saturday 27 March	Week of culture – living in Belgium
Monday 15 to Friday 19 February	Half term break	Wednesday 24 March	Spring Concert 18:00 to 19:30
Monday 22 February	Staff training – non-pupil day	Saturday 27 March	Official inauguration of the new buildings from 14:00
Friday 5 March	Women's Day Celebration, Yr 2, 3, 4	Wednesday 31 March	End of Spring term at 12:00
Wednesday 10 March	Parent contact evening from 18:00 to 20:00		

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.

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