

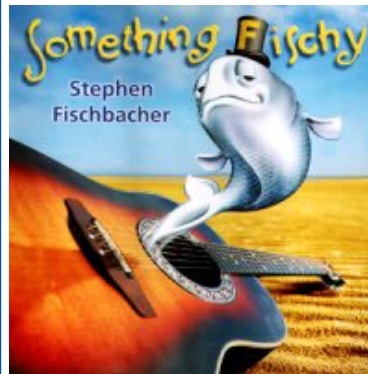


"Welcome Backs and Fond Farewells"

It's great to have Martin back after an extended leave for health reasons. We are all hoping that he will hold up well for the rest of the term, before he is due to have a 'little procedure' in April that will hopefully put an end to his Winter woes! Your continued prayers for him will be really appreciated. If you have got used to a different version of Martin over the past month (his name is actually Jon), don't worry! Jon will be sticking around for a while to do some project work for the school and Parents Association. If you are ever in need of some private handy work at home, we have no hesitation in recommending Jon – you can obtain his contact details from the school.

We are also sad to be taking leave of 2 of our 'dinner ladies' this side of the half term break. Cath finished with us last week and Emma finishes next week, as both are on their way back to a new life in Ireland and the UK respectively. We all owe them a big thank you for adding the 'fun factor' to our children's lunch times. We have a number of likely candidates to take over from them, and will be introducing them to you next half term.

Please take a moment to look over the dates for the diary – they are updated and added to weekly!!



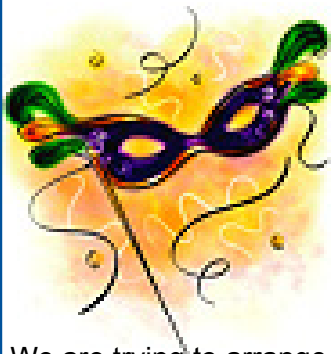
Fischy Music

"Children's Concert with Stephen Fischbacher - songwriter and professional musician working in schools & churches throughout UK and Internationally."

Next Thursday (11th February) Stephen is giving a concert in the school hall from 3.45- 5.30pm. Entrance is 2 euros. Bring a snack for after school. Drinks & crisps will be available to purchase. Everyone is welcome.

Fischy Music has been writing and performing top quality, original music for primary age children since 1998. Widely used in schools and churches across the UK, the songs address real-life issues faced by children every day: at home, in the playground, on the news and in the lives of people around them. Difficult issues such as bullying or relationship breakdown are treated with compassion and sensitivity, and the value and creativity of every individual is celebrated as part of an awe-inspiring world. All the songs are catchy, easy to learn and fun to sing, reinforcing powerful positive messages – often appreciated by all ages! To hear more of Stephen's music go to www.fischy.com





Carnival Parade

Hopefully everyone will have received the separate announcement this week regarding the Carnival Parade. If not, please ask the office for a copy. This is the first time ever that we are participating in the event – usually our children have had to stand by the side of the road waving at the other children going by. They are really excited that they get to BE IN THE PARADE this time around! As it is our first parade, we are depending quite heavily on the advice from the Basisschool regarding the organization and management of the event.

We are trying to arrange for our own 'tractor and trailer', which acts as a support for the very young walkers who will need to rest occasionally, but at the same time need to keep up with the procession. We also have other options to cut the route short for them, if the full length seems to be too demanding. I can assure you that we will be doing everything possible to ensure that the day is a great deal of fun, whilst keeping all of our children safe for the duration of the parade.

Champagne Reception and Family Party



If you have not received your invitation for Saturday 27th March 2010 yet, **PLEASE CHECK THE POSTBOX!**

The date for RSVP's is next Friday, 12th February 2010. We would love to have as many families and friends as possible celebrating our fabulous new facilities with us! We really need to know how many people will be attending to help us with the planning for catering and drinks.



Road Safety

I would like to renew my plea this week for volunteers to help with the planning and execution of a road safety campaign at the school.

Following a very lively debate at last week's Parents Association meeting, we already have a number of action points that need to be put into motion. Some of these can be done by the school, but others will need the involvement of a number of people to help prepare applications and petitions to the commune, amongst other things. Hopefully you will notice from next Monday that there will be better flow and vision down Stationsstraat due to our buses parking and disembarking in the parking area behind First Steps.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 11 February	Year 3/4 Rock climbing afternoon	Monday 22 to	
Friday 12 February	Carnival parade 9:00 to 11:00	Saturday 27 March	Week of culture – living in Belgium
Monday 15 to		Tuesday 23 March	Spring Concert dress rehearsal 9:15
Friday 19 February	Half term break	Wednesday 24 March	Spring Concert with Nursery – 11:00
Monday 22 February	Staff training – non-pupil day	Wednesday 24 March	Spring Concert 18:00 to 19:30
Friday 5 March	Women's Day Celebration, Yr 2, 3, 4	Saturday 27 March	Official inauguration of the new buildings from 14:00
Wednesday 10 March	Parent contact evening from 18:00 to 20:00	Monday 29 March	Easter Assembly with St Paul's church
Sunday 14 th March	Sunbeams tree planting event	Tuesday 30 March	Easter Bonnet parade and Easter Egg hunt
Tuesday 16 March	Parent contact evening from 16:00 to 18:00	Wednesday 31 March	End of Spring term at 12:00

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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