



Yet Another Successful Pantomime - "Peter Pan"



Once again, the pupils and staff have put on a spectacular performance for the College with their "Peter Pan" Pantomime.

A huge thank you to all the pupils and staff involved in making this production such an enjoyable one. Well done!

Family Carol Service



Tickets are currently available free of charge from the College Reception for our Family Carol Service which will be held on **Wednesday 16th December** at 7pm in the College Hall.

The Service will be followed by mince pies and a glass of wine

All are welcome.

Arrangements for this Friday

Please note that the College will be closing at

12.00 noon on Friday 18th December

We wish all our pupils and their families a Happy and Holy Christmas

A reminder that pupils will return to College on

Tuesday 5th January 2010

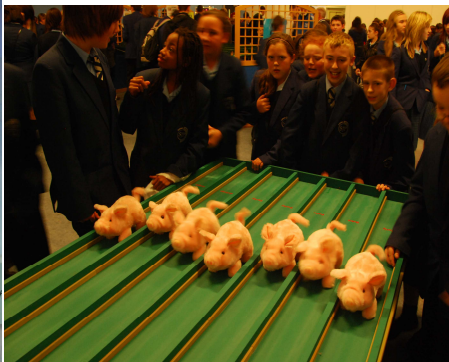
PFOP

Next PFOP meeting - 7.00pm 12th January 2010 in the College staff room. All Parents and Friends of SJP welcome.

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Here Comes Christmas 2009

A huge thank you goes to everyone involved with making Here Comes Christmas successful once again. We are thrilled to tell you that the final figure raised looks to be around £9,000. Well done everyone!



What a wonderful time was had by all !



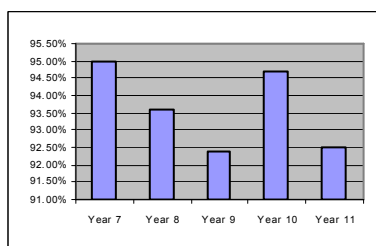
Here Comes Christmas (cont'd)



Attendance

Attendance figures up to 11.12.09

Year 7 - 95.1%
 Year 8 - 93.5%
 Year 9 - 92.5%
 Year 10 - 94.4%
 Year 11 - 92.4%



Charity Non-Uniform Day

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day to raise money for the premature baby charity BLISS. On Friday 18th December, all staff and pupils are invited to wear non-uniform and donate £1 during Academic Review. All money raised will be donated to BLISS. SJP is supporting BLISS because every year around 80,000 babies need special care when they are born too soon or too poorly. BLISS provides funding to provide these babies with the life-saving machines and medicine that they need to survive.

At SJP we know that it is likely that some of our students may once have needed special care when they were born and we know how vital the work of BLISS is. The money donated by our staff and pupils will help to fund a parent support helpline, train neonatal nurses and may even pay for life-saving machinery and research. All of this will help thousands of families who will be caring for a sick baby in hospital this Christmas.

Bliss
 for babies born too soon,
 too small, too sick

Advent

During the season of Advent our pupils have been encouraged in their Advent Services to think about whether Christmas is really just about presents, or as Christians should we be reflecting the "presence" of Jesus in the world as we celebrate the feast of Christmas.

The photograph below shows some of our pupils with the shoeboxes we packed as our College's response to this year's Operation Christmas Child Appeal.

The appeal offers each member of our College community an opportunity to really be the "presence" of Jesus in the world today, by simply doing what Jesus told us to do: "When you did it to one of the least of mine you really did it to me."



Biometric System for College Library

The College will be setting up biometric scanning in the library for all pupils this week.

Any pupils whose parents/carers have previously requested to opt out of the biometric system will not be required to register on the new system.

Be Safer On-Line

You will notice on www.stjohnplessington.com a logo for ThinkuKnow. This will take you to a special website which has lots of tips and ideas for safer web-browsing and other online activities such as gaming and social networking. There are dedicated areas for parents and pupils.



Foreign Affairs

Puzzle Corner

**MFL HOUSE-POINT COMPETITION WEEK!!!**

This week you have the chance to earn some more house points by entering our MFL Christmas Card Competition.

We are looking for the best Spanish Christmas Card from Years 7 and 9, and the best French Christmas Card from Year 8!



Your MFL teacher will give you plenty of ideas and some useful phrases to put in your cards this week.



The deadline for entries is Wednesday 16th December and you should hand your completed designs to your MFL teacher.
¡Buena suerte !! Bonne chance!

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Last Week's Solution

	6	9	8	3	5	2	1	4
2	8	1	7	9	4	6	5	3
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1	9	2	5	4	8	3	6	7
6	2	7	4	8	9	1	3	5
8	1	5	6	7	3	4	2	9
9	4	3	2	5	1	7	8	6

Weekly Theme - "Sharing what we have"

People are generous to others at Christmas; it is the time for sharing, because God gave his gift, his presence to everyone. God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son. We need to remember that God gave his gift to everyone, not just to his friends. We should not give just to receive something in return; that is not generosity but simple exchange or trading. Friends of Jesus should give- if only something as simple as a smile – as a loving gesture in his name, to those who may not be friends. Advent is a time for reconciliation.

Luke 3:10-18

The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."

Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptised and asked, "Teacher, what should we do?"

He replied, "Collect no more taxes than the government requires."

"What should we do?" asked some soldiers.

John replied, "Don't extort money or make false accusations. And be content with your pay."

Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. John answered their questions by saying, "I baptise you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire." John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people.

Father, the whole world looks with eagerness to the celebration of the birthday of Jesus.

May we, in our lives, know the real meaning of happiness and find it in the peace that your Son promises to all who follow him. Amen