



Plessington Catholic Technology College

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**Learning Programmes Unit 4/5
Week Commencing 27 March 2006**

Theme for the Week - Suffering

Set your troubled hearts at rest. Trust in God always; trust also in me. There are many dwelling places in my Father's house; if it were not so I should have told you; for I am going there on purpose to prepare a place for you . . . I am the way; I am the truth and I am the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14: 1-6

Health, Safety and Well-Being

We now have a splendid, new, fully equipped and purpose built First Aid / Medical Room in school. It is based in the new canteen area. It is staffed by our trained First Aid Co-ordinator, Mrs. Lloyd. The room is open from 9.00am – 3.20 pm. Emergency First Aid outside of these hours is dealt with by one of our seven trained First Aiders. Mrs. Lloyd is now responsible for all medication issues and parents / carers should contact her directly with any queries or concerns.

Please help us by updating the school office with any recent changes in your emergency contact numbers. It is really upsetting for ill or injured students when we cannot contact their parents / carers.

Heartstart UK Schools

The school has developed links with the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and we are joining a national programme; 'Heartstart UK Schools'. This project brings emergency skills training to young people in schools - from the ages of 11 yrs upwards.

Any students who may be interested in learning Emergency Life Support (ELS) skills should write a short letter to Mr. Kitchen expressing their interest. Please make sure your name and form is clearly shown!

Meanwhile, check out the great websites at the BHF:

cbhf.net for Year 7 and **yheart.net** for Year 7-11. The sites are full of quizzes, games, competitions, information and 3-D animated diagrams. A great way to improve your scientific knowledge, revise for exams, raise awareness of the circulatory system and find out how to keep a healthy heart.

COMPETITION

QUESTION: In Emergency Life Support, what is meant by the abbreviation **A B C** ?

PRIZE: Healthy food for each of the first ten students who answer correctly. (Answers to Mr. Kitchen at breaktime, Mon. 27.3.06).

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INDUSTRIAL ACTION - SCHOOL CLOSED TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2006

Following the result of the ballot of Unison members (of which there are 37) Unison has called upon its members to take part in the planned industrial action next Tuesday.

As a result of this I have taken the decision (after consultation with the Chair of the Governors and the LEA) to **close the school to all pupils**. I have done so on Health and Safety grounds. The school will re-open on Wednesday 29 March 2006 for business as usual. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

PARENTAL SURVEY

As a parent/carer you now have the chance to have your say by completing a **PARENTAL SURVEY** and this should take no more than 10 minutes of your time. You should have received these surveys the beginning of this week **by post** – if you did not, then please check with the school that we have your correct contact details on our system. Once completed please pass the responsibility of the safe return of the survey to your son/daughter who will pass it on to their form tutor.

By completing the questionnaire you will be telling us how you think we are doing and how we can improve things that are important to you so that we can make the school the best that it can be for your sons and daughters.

RE REVISION CLASSES THIS WEEK Tuesday 28th March 2006

Year 11 – Holy Communion
Rites of Passage
Year 10 – Images of the Church Bible, Magisterium, Our Lady

Support Class – Lunchtime 1.30 – 2.00pm
Booster Class – After school 3.30 – 4.15pm

YEAR 9

Anyone in St Joseph's parish who has yet to make their confirmation needs to contact Fr Nick on Tel No: 652 5767 urgently or go along to the Parish Centre Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. However the programme is already underway so you need to be quick about it!

Visit our new e-learning portal – <http://www.samlearning.com>

P.E. NEWS

Football

Year 9 unluckily went out of the Wirral Cup last night. After dominating the match and taking a 1-0 lead through Luke Cassidy, the team finally lost 4-3 on penalties.

Year 8 and 7 both drew with Mosslands.

Basketball

A mixed team beat Prenton.

Rugby

The Year 10 Rugby Team travelled to Woodchurch to play the current Year 10 Wirral Cup finalists. The home side went ahead 7-0 early in the first half. Plessington then woke up with tries from Mike Moore and Graham Fleming. The floodgates then opened with tries from McKeown, Mooney and others. A very physical and professional performance resulted in an away win of 7-36. Well done lads!

MATHS SATS REVISION CLASSES

As the SATs tests are fast approaching, I would like to issue a reminder about the additional SATs classes offered by the Mathematics department

- Level 8 topics Tuesday lunchtime in B11 (Mr Aubrey)
- Level 7 topics Tuesday lunchtime in B15 (Mr Lightfoot)
- Level 4/5 topics Tuesday after school in B14 (Miss McGagh)
- Level 5/6 topics Wednesday after school in B16 (Mr Thind)
- Level 4/5 topics Thursday lunchtime in B12 (Ms Hodges)

Level 5 pupils will also be given additional Easter holiday revision packs next week. Details of the 10-4-10 packs to follow next week.

URGENT NOTICE

Just a quick reminder that the GCSE Y10/11 Orienteering Exam will now take place on 27 March 2006 (Monday). This was postponed from 13 March 2006 due to the snow! Could pupils involved please remember to bring waterproof jackets and a packed lunch. Pupils will return to school at 4.30 p.m.

Thank you.

SCHOOL MENU: Please see our new menu for next week.

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pasta Dish	Tuna & Pasta Bake	Turkey Meatballs in Carrot & Tomato Sauce	Italian Pepperoni	Spaghetti Bolognese	Tomato & Pepper
Rice Dish	Beef Balti	Chicken Chow Mein	Chicken Supreme	Chicken Korma	Chef's Special
Main Course	Spicy Chicken Pittas	Hot Pot with Beetroot	Roast Beef Dinner	Minty Lamb & Veg Pie	Battered Fish
Vegetarian Choice	Spicy Vegetable Pittas	Veggie Hot Pot with Beetroot	Roast Nut Loaf Dinner	Cheese & Tomato Omelette	
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	Pizza	Burger	Pizza	Burger	Pizza
	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes