

newsletter



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Family Carol Service

Wednesday
17th December 2008

7.00pm in the
College Hall

"Follow the Star"

Followed by Mince pies and a glass of wine

Carol Service

We invite you to join us at our annual Carol Service on Wednesday. Tickets are available from reception and as we anticipate a high demand, they will be given out on a first come, first served basis. So hurry, don't miss out on the last item of our Christmas Trilogy!

Carols In the Community

The Chamber Choir is singing on Saturday at St Werburghs Church and taking Christmas cheer to Birch Tree Manor Nursing Home on Monday, where they will entertain the residents with a packed programme of Christmas music.

Theme for the Week

15th December 2008 "THE JOURNEY"

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm.

All welcome!

There's so much bad news around, isn't there? We seem to hear daily of disaster, crime, aggression, poverty, struggle, environmental crisis. Amidst all this bad news it can be difficult to find any sense of hope – how often, for example, do we hear good news being celebrated on the TV news?

Advent, though, prepares us again to be focused on the good. Thirty years or so after his birth in a Bethlehem stable, Jesus is in the Temple in Jerusalem and reads from the prophet Isaiah, setting out his vision for bringing some much needed good news to the world. And that vision of setting the burdened free and releasing people from poverty is needed more than ever in our world today.

We are journeying to the God of Good News

Oh no it isn't..!



Oh yes it is... and oh yes it was another cause for celebration.

The talented cast of Y7-13 pupils provided fun and entertainment to over a thousand people, as they performed 'Dick Whittington' a Panto written by SJP Drama Department, which is set in Liverpool. In fact, we had to put on an extra night due to popular demand. Our Partner Primary Schools also had great fun watching the dress rehearsal.

New Website

We are looking forward to launching our new website on 5th January. You will be able to view the life of the College through videos, access your child's report through the Parent Portal (information to follow), and pupils will be able to access the VLE through the Pupil Portal. We hope you enjoy it!

Dates for your diary

Event	Date
Carols in the Community	15 th December '08 @ 11.30am
Carol Service	17 th December '08 @ 7pm
College Closes	19 th December @ 12pm

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Attendance

Year 7—11
92.2%

Year 7 - 92.7% Year 8— 93.2% Year 9— 91.6%
Year 10— 90.5% Year 11— 92.8%

In the lead this week is Year 8.

Sporting News

Basketball

The year 11 basketball team played Woodchurch last week and won 29-25.

The year 10 basketball team played two Wirral league matches and won 29-5 against South Wirral and 21-12 against Neston.

The year 9 basketball team played in the Wirral league and lost against South Wirral 14-7 but won a hard fought match against Neston 24-16.

Netball

The Year 8 netball team put on a great display this week at home to beat Bebington 12-3. This, along with their

other good results, should put them in a good position in the league halfway through the season. Unfortunately, after retaining most of the possession in the game, the Year 7 team lost 6-2. However, the team are gelling well together, improving steadily and have taken away some valuable experience. Well done girls!

Yr 7 & 8 Team: Sarah Rowley, Lauren Lefevbre, Ashleigh Ryan, Charlotte Maxwell, Bryony McNellis, Lydia Kearns, Vanessa Taylor, Faye Burnell, Abby Byrne, Allyshia Billington, Chloe Lucas, Grace Jones, Hollie Jones, Lauren Hulmes

Library News

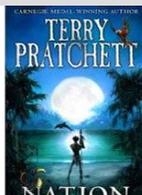
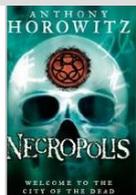
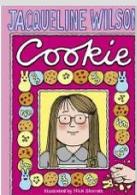
Accelerated Reader Update

Well done to all the pupils in Years' 7 & 8 who have been taking reading quizzes regularly. Special awards have gone to **Joe Lyons, Jordan Brown, Ciaran Daly, Kieran Houghton and Georgia Crook** in Year 8 who, between them have scored **549** points – amazing!

If anyone would like to take a reading quiz, just click on the link from the school homepage and enter your Accelerated Reader username and password. So get quizzing and don't forget *Points mean Prizes!*

New books to look out this Winter term include:

Jacqueline Wilson Darren Shan Anthony Horowitz Terry Pratchett



Literacy

Word of the week

PLACATE

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- VERB make less angry or hostile : calm or appease
- ADJECTIVE **placatory** (derivative)
- ORIGIN Latin *placare*

Email Addresses

As part of our ongoing efforts to communicate with you very quickly, we would like to offer an emailing service. This will enable the College to contact you with a variety of information. If you haven't already done so, please could you send your email address to us at:

schooloffice@plessington.wirral.sch.uk

Achievement Assemblies

Many pupils from each Year group were awarded certificates for outstanding work and effort, and attendance in our termly Achievement Assemblies.

Well done to those pupils!