

# newsletter



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Happy  
New Year !

Spring  
Term

6th January to  
13th February

## E-mail 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 (together with your child's full name and form) to us at:

[schooloffice@plessington.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@plessington.wirral.sch.uk)

## Parent Call

From this week, Parent Call will be activated at 9.15am each morning. This means that if your child is not present to receive their registration mark at 8.40am, you will be notified via a phone call or text message.

**Therefore please make every effort to ensure your child arrives to school by 8.35am.**

## SJP's Got Talent!

Yes it's back! Following the huge success of this event last year, we will be holding our second "SJP's Got Talent" competition on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February in the afternoon. It was great fun last year, with a wealth of different talents. Round 1 Auditions are being held shortly.

**It's not too late to enter, whatever your talent! Complete an application form (available from reception) as soon as possible.**  
Great prizes to be won!

## Theme for the Week

5th January 2009 "PRESENTS"

**WEEKLY MASS** Wednesday 12.50pm.

The Feast of the Epiphany is traditionally celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> January. "Epiphany" means "to show" – God is revealed to the world in the birth of Jesus. Each one of us has amazing gifts, talents and skills that we can offer to Jesus. What gift will we bring to Jesus this year?

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh – pretty useless gifts for a young child. Where were the toys? Where were the books? What about a cute teddy bear? Even gift vouchers would have been more practical! And yet the gifts of the Magi, the wise men from the east, are gifts not just for Jesus but for us too, to show us what a gift Jesus is to the world.

Gold – showing that Jesus is a Servant King. Frankincense – showing that Jesus is Son of God who brings light into our world. Myrrh – showing that Jesus would suffer and die for us. So no, not great gifts for a young child but Jesus is the greatest gift for us. Amen

## Dates for the diary

Event	Date
PFOP AGM <i>All welcome!</i>	13 January 2009 @ 7pm
Biometrics Parents Consultation	12 January 2009 @ 6pm
Biometrics Go Live date	26 January 2009
Year 10 Retreat Savio House	28th–30th January 2009

## Extended School Survey

Prior to the Christmas Holiday, parents will have received a questionnaire from the Local Authority, entitled 'Extended Schools Parents' Survey'. The survey is aimed at establishing what additional services people in the Bebington and Clatterbridge area would like the Local Authority to consider providing. We are happy to forward any returns to the Local Authority Coordinator on behalf of College parents. Please return the questionnaire to College Reception marked 'Extended Schools'. Alternatively, parents residing in the Bebington and Clatterbridge areas and wishing to speak directly with the Coordinator could contact **Lorna Johnson on 608 7013**.

## New Website!



We have updated our already outstanding website to include to some new features and enhance existing ones. Changes include: increased video content, updated Information section, easier access to current /past copies of SJP News, extracts from SJP Live, online access to pupil reports via Parents section, extensive photo galleries, spiritual life with weekly prayer themes and improved parental feedback via Contact Us tab.



You will have noticed the new format for our half-termly reports which we introduced this year. These are now available online in the Parents section of our website. There are videos on the website explaining what you have to do to receive your child's report electronically via email. You will shortly receive a letter giving you more information and the UPN (Unique Pupil Number) and software licence key you will need to gain access. Parents who do not wish to use this facility will continue to receive paper copies of the reports.

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