



Here Comes Christmas

Parents and Friends of Plessington present:

HERE COMES CHRISTMAS

Not just any fair - it's the School of the Year Christmas Fair!

Friday 3rd December 3pm-5pm

Children free when accompanied by an adult! Loads of stalls for the little ones

Big attraction - The Laser Dome!

The Army Climbing Wall

Win....

- A BMX Bike
- Win Two Tickets to see Take That at The City Of Manchester Stadium
- Signed Everton, Liverpool and Tranmere Shirts

Win a Car or a cash prize of £10,000 with a roll of the dice!!!!

New for 2010

- The Ashes Challenge
- Loop the Loopz
- The Rat Race
- Instant Bingo Balls
- Racing Grannies
- The Wild West Gun Slinger
- Tin Can Alley
- Pop the Pirate

The Best Santa's Grotto on the Wirral

Plus all your old favourites

Secondary School of the Year 2010

An important reminder that next Friday, 3rd December we celebrate our 2010 'Here Comes Christmas' which has become a highlight of the SJP year. We have got some fabulous new events this year, with the Laser Dome and the Army Climbing Wall. As well as your usual favourites, there are chances to win a Fiat 500 car, tickets for Take That in concert at the City Of Manchester Stadium and signed Everton, Liverpool and Tranmere football shirts. There are prizes galore and it is a wonderful celebration of our school community coming together to have a lot of fun. We hope to see you there at 3pm onwards for the start of our Christmas Trilogy 2010.

This Friday, 26th November, we have our annual non-uniform day. Pupils are asked to bring in £1 with all the contribution going towards our 'Here Comes Christmas' Fund. All the proceeds of HCC go towards school-based projects which benefit our children. This supplements the wide-range of charities that SJP generously supports each year. We hope to see as many of our parents as possible supporting our now famous 'Here Comes Christmas' in what is our 'School of the Year' celebration year at SJP.



JLS Tickets must be won!

Raffle tickets for the JLS concert on 3rd December are 50p a strip and will be on sale for the next few weeks during Academic Review.

BLISS**Are you a keen knitter?**

The Year 8 team is trying to help premature babies. Can you help by knitting a small blanket? Or even a small hat or cardigan?

One in nine babies are born prematurely or very sick. When they are born they need to be kept warm. Normal baby clothes are too big for these tiny miracles.

This year, Year 8 is supporting the premature baby charity BLISS and in particular our local Special Baby Care Unit. Your kind creations and donations will go directly to our local hospital.

We need donations throughout the school year; so dust off those knitting needles and drop your donations into our reception marked:
FAO Mrs L Owen.

Knitting patterns for premature baby clothes can be provided. Please contact Mrs Owen or download from the BLISS website:

<http://www.bliss.org.uk/page.asp?section=240§ionTitle=Knit+for+Bliss>

Thanks for your help

Bliss

for babies born too soon,
too small, too sick

Literacy Corner**Word of the Week**

Blatant [/bleyt-nt]
Adjective

**Meaning:**

1. brazenly obvious; flagrant: a blatant error in simple addition; a blatant lie.
2. offensively noisy or loud; clamorous: blatant radios.
3. tastelessly conspicuous: the blatant colours of the dress.

Use blatant in a sentence

See images of blatant

Search blatant on the Web

Synonyms: Unmistakable, overt, undeniable, obtrusive.

Antonyms: Subtle, hidden, inconspicuous.

Related forms

bla·tan·cy, noun

bla·tant·ly, adverb

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Agnes Grey

Emma

Jane Eyre

Mansfield Park

Northangers Abbey

Persuasion

Pride and Prejudice

Sense and Sensibility

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Villette

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Inter-faith Week



As part of a celebration of Inter-Faith Week, a week in which we are encouraged to celebrate our major world faiths, Year 13 students met an Imam from the Penny Lane Mosque, Liverpool. Amjad Yusuf spoke to the students about the misconceptions that they might have about Islam, particularly in the light of media attention surrounding the religion.

"He was really interesting, speaking about topics I didn't think he would have spoken about. It made me realise Muslims aren't always how they're portrayed in the news." (James O'Shea, Year 13).

"Amjad made me think that a lot of things I believed weren't based on any truth." (Chelsea Holdgate, Year 13).

Amjad spoke to the students about his experiences of being a Muslim after September 11th and how he had even been the target of misconceptions about suicide bombing. It certainly gave our students something to think about next time they read a newspaper.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child was launched this week. We are looking to try to fill at least five shoe boxes per form.

Brochures can be found in Miss Timlin's class room (RE5). It's more than a simple gift in a box, it's spreading a little love around the world.

Global Student Conference

Students from Year 12 met former child soldier Ben Okafor at the Global Student Forum (GSF) in Liverpool last week.

At the age of thirteen, Ben fought as a child soldier in Nigeria. He is now an internationally-acclaimed artist, writing and recording songs that reflect a plea for justice and truth.

The first of its kind in the north-west, GSF, featuring multi-media presentations, workshops and live music, analysed why 72 million children are denied the basic human right of a primary education. It was held at the Centre for International and Development Education, Liverpool Hope University.

Ten Years ago our Year 12 students would have been in primary school. At that time, world leaders signed up to the Millennium Development Goals which stated that by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, would be able to complete a full course of primary schooling. Students discovered how they could play a significant part in achieving those goals - that young people everywhere really can make a difference.

More than four thousand sixth formers have attended a forum, returning to their schools to inform an estimated two hundred thousand fellow students of key global issues raised during the day. Our students will be using the knowledge and experience they gained on this forum to help other students from SJP and local primary schools to understand the importance of all pupils having access to education.

Ben Okafor asked the students to use the information they had gathered on this day to create a verse for a song that he is writing. Michael Coumbe wrote this verse to add about Irene, a Kenyan schoolgirl, who tried to escape poverty through education:

*When I was 11 I ran and ran,
Africa's where it all began,
The rite of passage I could not face
for this they thought I should be chased.
FGM brings death, disease,
nothing like a cough or sneeze.
But I was lucky I got away,
unlike the thousands still suffering today.
Education, a way out?
Teach girls like me to sing and shout.
Education is the key.
Let's rid our world of HIV.
Together we must make this choice—
Alone I am, but one small voice.*

Competition

Divine Chocolate Poetry Competition: Making the world aware of Fairtrade!

Notice for all poetry writers out there! Have you ever wondered how your bar of chocolate on the shelf of the supermarket got there? Or how life for a farmer in the hot tropics of Africa may be different to the life of a chocolate fan in SJP? Write a poem that captures the journey of the cocoa bean to become our favourite chocolate treat, imagine the different stages on the way: growing, harvesting, packing, melting, mixing and wrapping, and think about the journey it makes between two very different countries (and don't forget to mention Divine chocolate — you can buy a bar of it at the Fairtrade stall for inspiration!). You could win book vouchers, chocolates and most importantly, the chance to hear your poem read out by an award winning author. Please see any of the RE department for further details. All entries will be displayed in school, so please write your name and form on your entry.

RE Revision Classes

RE Revision Classes for Year 9 & Year 10 pupils

Year 9 3.30 to 4.00 RE5 Tuesday
Year 10 3.30 to 4.00 RE5 Wednesday

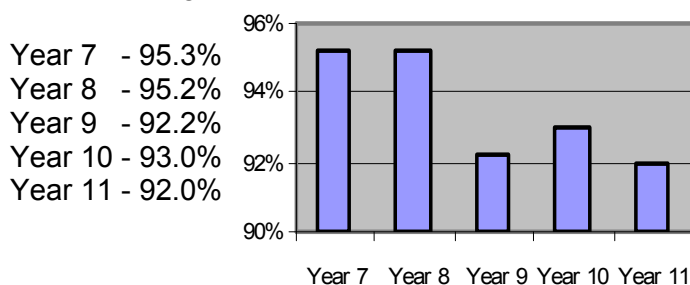
Next PFOP meeting

Tuesday 23rd November
7pm

All are welcome!

Attendance

Attendance figures up to **19.11.2010**



Remembrance Day



Year 9 History pupils this year marked Remembrance Day by creating a memorial in the College Chapel and paying tribute to fallen soldiers. Pupils reflected on past and present conflicts, investigated the impact of war and gave great thought to the concept of remembrance and why it is important.

Well done to all Year 9 pupils.

Science

AS/A2 Applied Science Revision Sessions



SJP Science Department are providing after-school revision sessions for AS and A2 Applied Science students in preparation for examinations in the new year.

Unit 2 'Energy Transfer Systems' examination (Year 12s and Year 13s re-sits) – Tuesday 11th January 2011.

Unit 14 'The Healthy Body' examination (Year 13s) – Wednesday 2nd February 2011.

Language corner

Yr 7 Spanish Club!

Every Wednesday 12:10- 12:50 in LA1
Come and take part in a range of fun Spanish activities, games and songs.
Collect your passes at break time on Wednesday from Mr Sweetman on the quad!

Yr 7 French Club!

Every Monday 12:10- 12:50 in LA1
Have fun and improve your French with lots of French games, activities and a chance to brush up on your speaking with our native French assistant.
Collect your passes at break time on Monday from Ms Easby on the quad!

Puzzle Corner

Times Table

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There is something strange about this addition square. Can you work out what the missing number is?

+	3	8	11
3	6	11	2
8	11	4	7
11	2	7	

Solution from last week

3. How Many Triangles?
 $12 + 6 + 2 = 20$



Weekly Theme - Our Hopes for the Future



The last Sunday of the Church's Year (we start a new year next week) is celebrated with a day dedicated to Christ the Universal King. It is to remind us of

the Christian belief that the victorious and triumphant risen Jesus will come again in glory at the end of the world. This week we celebrate "Youth", our hope for the future.

"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Matthew 24:37-44

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love.

Increase our longing for Jesus our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love as we await his coming. Amen

Time is full of eternity. As we use it so shall we be.
Henry Manning

Advent 2010

Sunday 28th November is the first Sunday in Advent.

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and so refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but secondly, to the coming of Christ in our lives at the end of time.

In SJP during Advent we will be decorating our Jesse Tree in the College Atrium. The tree will help us trace the spiritual family tree of Jesus and remind us of the many bible stories that lead to the birth of Christ as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

