



## Here Comes Christmas

St John Plessington Catholic College  
Old Chester Road, Bebington  
The Parents and Teachers Association of SJP present...

# Here Comes Christmas

The most talked about Christmas Fair of the Year

**Friday 2nd December 3pm-5pm**

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

**Back by Popular Demand - The Laser Dome!**

**Plus** **The Best Santa's Grotto on the Wirral**

**Win...**

- Win a **TREK Mountain Bike** WORTH £280
- A **PS3 Game console**
- An **ipod touch**
- Signed Everton, Liverpool, Tranmere Rovers football shirts**
- as well as many cash prizes**

**New for 2011**

- Helicopter Hero
- Red or Black • Table Tennis Tempter • Ker Plunk
- Pop Corn Plaza • Penguin Pile Up
- Shuffleboard • Pizza Roulette
- (40 Chicago Town Take-Away Pizzas to be won)
- Plus all your old favourites

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

Secondary School of the Year 2010 - 2011

## SIGNED WELSH RUGBY UNION SHIRT ONLINE AUCTION



We have been given a wonderful donation for *Here Comes Christmas* of a signed Welsh Rugby Union shirt. It has been donated to us by George North the youngest player ever to represent his country in a World Cup Tournament. George is cousin to our very own Mrs Thompson; Head of DT. George had an outstanding tournament as winger in the Welsh side. You sporting fanatics will know that Wales reached the semi-final of the Rugby World Cup a few weeks ago in

New Zealand. They were narrowly beaten by France after playing most of the game with one player short and they did the country proud.

The shirt was signed by all the Welsh squad and is the most fantastic prize. We have decided to do an open auction which will run until the end of this term. The opening bid is £50. If you would like to make a bid for the shirt - e-mail our *Here comes Christmas* e-mail address below, we will then give daily updates on the latest bid. Who needs ebay!

E-mail the following and make your bid - don't forget to leave your name and contact details. The bidders will remain anonymous. All proceeds go to the Street Child Africa charity.



SJP Website

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## Some comments from Open Evening 2011:

"During my visit to SJP I was absolutely amazed at the warm welcoming feeling the school oozed."

## Accelerated Reader



### ACCELERATED READER

Our Accelerated Readers are racing towards the end of term finish line!  
 With competition for the prizes very high, the number of pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 that have actively been taking reading practice quizzes has totalled seventy, with the numbers increasing on a daily basis.  
 There have been some truly fantastic points scored across the year groups, especially by Amy Coyle 7TL and Mark Cain 8MT who have between them have 'passed' twenty six quizzes.  
 Miss Hall from the English Department said "I am delighted with the speed that all classes in Year 7 are progressing. This is an exciting opportunity for all pupils to get involved and rewarded for finishing a whole book. I am looking forward to presenting the winners with their trophies in the end of term achievement assemblies."



It's really easy to search for books on Accelerated Reader. All you need to do is log in via the Pupil Portal on the college homepage (if you're not sure of your password please see Mrs Broom, the Librarian), click on: **Take A Reading Practice Quiz** then you can search for the book either by the **Title** or the **Author**.

**At the end of this term trophies and certificates will be awarded to the pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 that have achieved:**

- **The highest number of hours using the programme.**
- **The most improved reading age.**

## Sports News

### Year Rugby 7

The year seven rugby team continued their winning ways this week with four comfortable victories over local opposition on Tuesday night at New Brighton Rugby Club. The unstoppable team charged their way through defenses to win with huge margins to remain top of the league. Well done to all the boys. 'Men of the Match' were Adam Don and Josh Pointon.



### Year 9 Inter-house Football

On Friday after school over sixty boys from year 9 represented their form as they participated in the first year 9 inter-house tournament of the year. The sport was football and the level of talent on show was outstanding. All forms battled for points to make it into the finals.  
 The final was a closely fought battle between 9MT and 9OR which resulted in a 5-3 win to 9OR. Man of the tournament was Callum Burrige.

### Year 9 Interhouse tournament ranking

7 <sup>th</sup> Place	BH
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	JB
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	TL/MK
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	VP
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	SB
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	MT
Winners	OR

### Next PTA meeting:

7pm Tuesday 17th January 2012  
 in the College Staff Room.  
 All are welcome.

## Science Club



### Science Club meets Master Chef

This week, our young scientists became cooks and made sherbet. By using icing sugar, citric acid and baking powder, our year 7 and 8 made their own version following a carefully tested recipe. Mrs Pearson then judged the student's efforts and taste tested all 20 samples. Once in her mouth, a reaction between the acid and baking powder caused the sherbet to fizz, as carbon dioxide gas is produced! 3 lucky winners were awarded prizes.

## What's Advent All About?

### Advent



Prepare a way for the Lord

Whenever we do something important, we can't just turn up. We can't just roll up unprepared and expect to have an amazing experience.

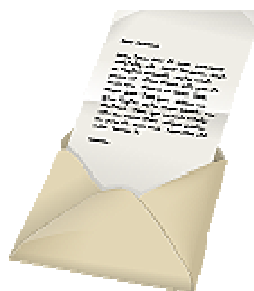
If we are going to a party, we can't just turn up without getting

dressed up and bringing a present for the host. If we're going out for a meal, we have to make sure that we haven't already eaten.

Okay, so sometimes surprises can be nice, but most of the time something special needs properly preparing for it. We need to make sure that we are prepared and that we are worthy of doing what it is we are about to do.

At Christmas, we celebrate something totally amazing: we celebrate the fact that our God loved us enough to come down to earth and live among us. He loved us so much that he had to come and live as one of us and show us what it meant to love and serve one another and to truly believe in him. If you stop and think about it, it's pretty amazing. And that's why the Church gives us Advent. It is a way of preparing for Christmas by making sure that we realise what it's about, making sure we are worthy and healing anything in our lives that's stopping us from having our share in the joy that it all brings.

## Work Experience



All Year 12 Self placement forms need to be completed and returned by 31st January 2012 and handed in to reception. They need to be signed by both the employers and parents/carers.

## Christmas Clearout

As you are aware our fabulous *Here Comes Christmas!* Fair is rapidly approaching, the big event is on Friday 2nd December. If you have any unwanted bric a brac, books, CDs, DVDs, pictures, toys and games, please send these into school where they will be converted into cash and become somebody else's treasure.

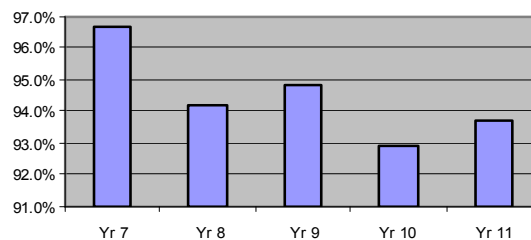
HCC is the biggest and brightest school fair in the North West of England, where £10,000 cash or a brand new car could be won, a fabulous mountain bike, amazing stalls, and of course, meet Father Christmas in his super grotto. All of the money raised supports the children of our school and our chosen charity Street Child Africa.

Last chance to drop off is Friday 2nd December at 11am.

### Faulty Rucksack Alert!

If any pupil has an SJP rucksack with a faulty zip, which they bought from the Wirral Uniform Shop, if you take it back they will exchange it for a new one.

## Attendance - 25.11.2011



Year 7 - 96.6%    Year 8 - 94.2%    Year 9 - 94.9%  
 Year 10 - 92.9%    Year 11 - 93.7%

## Language Corner

### Les pays francophones

La France n'est pas le seul pays où on parle français. Il existe beaucoup de pays 'Francophones' dans le monde. Il y a environ 500 millions de personnes dans le monde qui parlent le français.

Can you find the names of at least five countries in the word search where French is spoken?

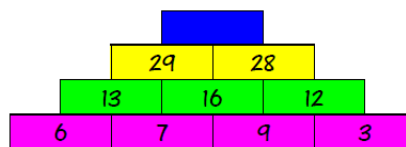
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The first five correct answers to Miss Kingsland in LA2 will receive a house point.

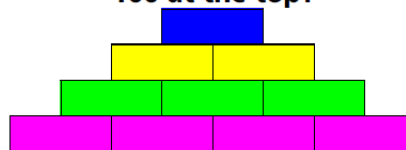
## Puzzle Corner

### Number Pyramids ☆☆☆ 7

Can you work out what number will be at the top of the pyramid?



Can you make a pyramid with 100 at the top?



### Solution for last week

#### 14. Number Lines 2

This is a little easier than the previous puzzle. Put 6 in the centre. Then place 1 opposite 11, 2 opposite 10, etc, to give totals of 18. In both puzzles the realisation that you should put the median number in the centre to maintain symmetry helps enormously. (you should also put 1 or 11 in the centre, since the remaining numbers can be paired off in these cases to give totals of 14 and 22.

## Weekly Theme - 'Stay Awake'

This is "Happy New Year" week, because Sunday saw the beginning of a new year in the Christian calendar, Advent – the "Coming Season" – has begun and all Christians are asked to "Wake up" and "Stay Awake" to the real meaning of Christmas. It's all too easy to get swept up in the search for presents and food and new clothes for Christmas, that we can forget the real reason for celebrating.

The season of Advent reminds us that we should prepare for the Coming of Christ as a baby; as the Good News and as our Judge at the end of time.

*Mark 13:33-37*

*Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.*

*"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do*

*not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"*

**Father in Heaven,  
Our hearts desire the warmth of your love.  
Increase our longing for Jesus as our Saviour.  
And give us strength to grow in love as we wait for his coming.**

**Amen**

