



**St John Plessington
Catholic College**

a Specialist Science, Technology and Humanities College

Newsletter

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SJP Nativity

We would like to invite you to this year's Christmas event, 'The SJP Nativity'. This exciting and ambitious production is a promenade performance which takes the audience on a journey around our school following Mary and Joseph's path as they lead us through their story. There will be stops along the way featuring different parts of the story told through drama, music and dance.

Tickets available from Reception. Adult tickets @ £3 and Concessions @ £2 - all proceeds go to the College Charity, *Street Child Africa*

This performance replaces the usual Christmas Panto and Carol Service. Please be prepared for winter weather and bring suitable coats, gloves, hats and torches!



St John Plessington Catholic College Presents The SJP Nativity 2011

Walk with us as we journey to
Christmas...



Tues 13th, Wed 14th, Thurs 15th December 2011 at 6:00pm
Adults £3 Concessions £2

Please be prepared for winter weather and bring suitable coats, gloves, hats and torches! There will be lots of movement both indoors and outdoors so this event would not be suitable for anyone with restricted mobility.

Some comments from Open Evening 2011:

"Pupils in SJP are polite, facilities are outstanding and teaching staff extremely professional and caring"

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Here Comes Christmas

Here are some photos from our amazing Here Comes Christmas event that took place on Friday 2nd December.



Last chance to place your bid for the signed Welsh Rugby Union shirt, current bid is £70 to place your bid please e-mail hcc@stjohnplessington.com or visit our web-site.



SJP Website

Library News



**THE FREE BOOKS
FOR YEAR 7 PUPILS
HAVE
ARRIVED!**

At the beginning of the new school term our Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to choose a **free** book of their choice from the 12 specially selected titles that were on display in the library and have been written by some of our favourite children's authors. This is the fifth year that our college has run this extremely popular campaign and it has been fantastic to see that **every** Year 7 pupil has chosen a book.



The books have now been distributed to form tutors who will hand them out over the next few days.

The '**BOOKED UP**' website, www.bookedup.org.uk, contains lots of fun activities and is also a great place to discover other exciting books and authors.

What's Advent All About?

Advent



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.

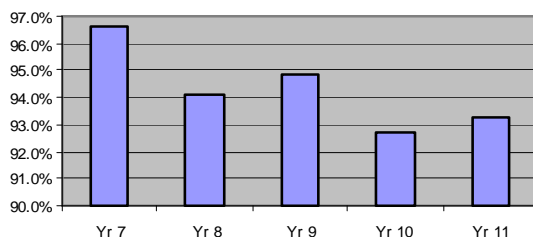
Okay, so sometimes surprises can be nice, but most of the time something special needs properly preparing for it. We need to make sure that we are prepared and that we are worthy of doing what it is we are about to do.

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.

Next PTA meeting:

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

Attendance - 02.12.2011



Year 7 - 96.6% Year 8 - 94.1% Year 9 - 94.9%

Year 10 - 92.7% Year 11 - 93.3%

Peru Challenge Update



On Monday 28th November, the *Peru Challengers'* attended a charity night at Sainsbury's store in Upton. The Mayor was in attendance and it was a moving event as Sainsbury's showed their commitment to supporting local groups and charities, such as Clatterbridge and Wirral Blind and Partially Sighted. Our pupils were proud to be presented with a plaque thanking us for our support with fundraising over the past 8 months as we have raised over £800 for their charities as well as funds for our challengers' expedition fees.

Young Ambassador Conference

Last Thursday Charlotte Obermuller from year 12 was selected to attend the North West Young Ambassador Conference in Lancashire County Cricket Club. Charlotte spent the day with pupils from different schools around the North West taking part in a number of workshops and activities focussing on London 2012 and how to promote this within our school. Charlotte is now going to head up our very own SJP Olympic Committee who are going to be running events throughout the year relating to the Olympic Games being held in London. Charlotte was even lucky enough to get her picture taken with the Olympic Torch. Look out for London 2012 related activities throughout the year!



Language Corner

Los animales

Can you find the names of five Spanish animals hidden in the following text?



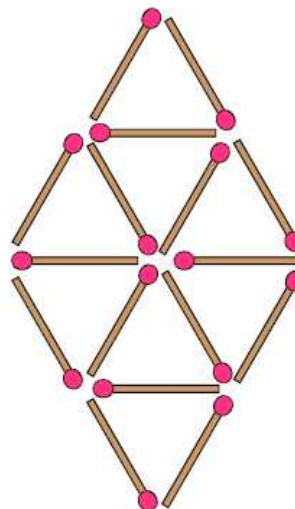
First five answers to Mr Joglekar in MFL 5 will receive a house point

Puzzle Corner

Missing Matches

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Remove just 4 matches to leave 4 equilateral triangles – they must be all the same size.



Weekly Theme - 'A Change of Heart'

John, the Baptist, was a startling sight; people flocked out from the city to see him. He told the people that they had to behave better, if they wanted the Messiah to appear among them. A change of heart was necessary or the Christ would not come. Everyone of us could make a good preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas by the way we treat others around us, maybe this means that we have to change our attitude to people as well.

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; a voice of one calling in the wilderness; Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair with a leather belt around

his waist; he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message. "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Father, in Heaven your Son's birthday draws near .

May the greed and selfishness, which tempts so many people at this time of year, not blind us to the real meaning of his coming into our world.

Amen

