



St John Plessington  
Catholic College

# Newsletter

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## Carol Service

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# THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> & THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER 2013  
7 PM



### Reminder

College will be closed on Monday 9th December 2013  
Pupils will return to College on Tuesday 10th December at 8.40am

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## Shoe Boxes

Congratulations to all of the students and members of staff from our College community who packed a fantastic total of 423 shoe boxes for this year's Operation Christmas Child Appeal.

This year, our shoe boxes are being loaded into a container to be shipped to Liberia in West Africa.

It is wonderful to think that a simple gift of a shoe box will bring happiness into the lives of thousands of children around the world this Christmas.

As we open our presents on Christmas morning, we will do so knowing that 423 other children will also be opening their first ever Christmas present thanks to the pupils at SJP.



## Food Revolution

Well done to all of our Year 11 Catering students who are working very hard to prepare themselves for their practical exam in January. They have really challenged themselves making a wide range of advanced recipes to give themselves the best chance to achieve maximum marks. We are particularly impressed with the selection of desserts being made including; Chocolate Soufflé, Millefeuille, Torta di Arance e Cioccolata and Crème Brûlée to name but a few. Keep up the good work all!



## Book of The Month

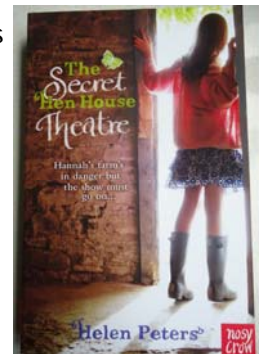
***THE SECRET HEN HOUSE THEATRE***  
by Helen Peters

***"This is a farm, not a theatre," snapped Hannah's father. "Now get out of that mud, girl."***

Since the death of her mum, Hannah's family life has been a bit of a mess. Her father works all day, every day on their 'falling to bits' farm, and the four children are pretty much left to themselves. Hannah finds a rickety old hen house on the edge of the farm. She decides to turn it into a theatre and put on a play that she's written herself.

But then the farm is threatened with demolition. Hannah hatches a very ambitious plan to help save her family's home and livelihood. Who can she trust? What will happen when her dad finds out?

***A compelling, moving and beautifully written book***



## Literacy Corner

**Apostrophes are used for two reasons:**

When you contract two words into one.

For example: **Do not** becomes **don't**.

The apostrophe is placed above the missing letter(s).

When you wish to show who, or what, possesses something. For example:

Sally's coat.



### Correct the passage below

Erins mood was not good. She had had a bad day as she had lost her Mothers purse. Erin knew her Mother would not take this news well.

Suddenly, Erin had a brainwave! Her brothers mind had always been scatty; she would blame him! Erins temper improved.

There are 8 missing. See Mrs Connolly with your answers!

## Geography of Crime



PC Rose Wise has been visiting Year 8 pupils in Geography this week to help them with their study of the 'Geography of Crime'. She talked about the area the Merseyside Police Force cover and the crimes that they commonly deal with. Constable Wise also brought a range of standard issue equipment, which was showcased beautifully by SJP's next top models! The stab proof vest, the riot helmet and the fireproof 'onesie' being the most popular. Pupils eagerly asked PC Wise a whole variety of inquisitive and meaningful questions and judging by their enthusiasm we may have some budding PC's in the making.



**Next PTA meeting**  
 7.00pm Tuesday 28th January 2013  
 in the College Staff Room.  
 All are welcome.

## Coming up

- Additional Holiday: 9th December (School Closed)
- Year 12 Parents Evening: 12th December
- Panto: 10th & 11th December
- Carol Service: 18th & 19th December

## Netball News

### SJP victorious at Hilbre High School

The Year 8 and 9 Netball Teams took on Hilbre High School on Tuesday and both came away with victories. Well done to all of the players who displayed excellent skill throughout, proof their game is going from strength to strength.

#### Results:

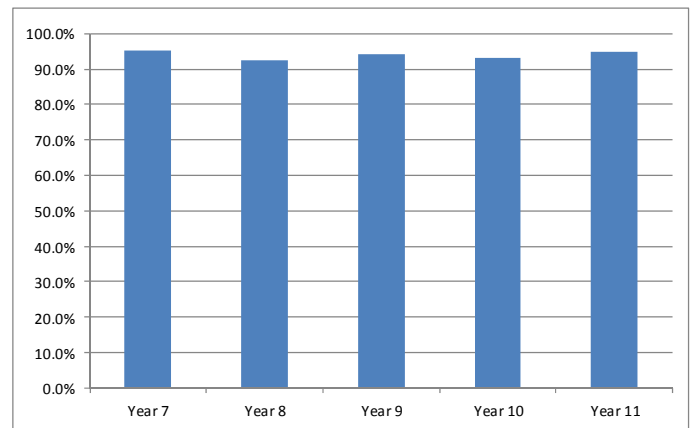
Year 8 won 8-3  
 Year 9 won 6-2

#### Player of the match:

Year 8 – Elizabeth Roberts  
 Year 9 – Ellie Stephens



## Attendance - 25/11/13 - 29/11/13



**Year 7 - 95.2%   Year 8 - 92.5%   Year 9 - 94.1%**  
**Year 10 - 93.1%   Year 11 - 95.0%**

## Language Corner

### Las Anagramas

Can you unscramble the words below? Some are pets, some are family members, and there a few numbers thrown in for good measure!!!

Repro \_\_\_\_\_  
 Drame \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Toga \_\_\_\_\_  
 Truaco \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zide \_\_\_\_\_  
 Blueao \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jiha canúi \_\_\_\_\_  
 Orajáp \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pernetise \_\_\_\_\_

## Maths Corner

Move the numbered cards to form five 2 digit numbers which are all multiples of three.

### Solution for Last Week

$$23 + 27 = 50$$

$$22 \times 2.4 = 52.8$$

$$6.1 - 3.5 = 2.6$$

$$6.8 + 2.43 = 9.23$$

$$1.63 - 2.5 = 0.87$$

$$30 + 7 = 37$$

## Weekly Theme - 'Be Prepared'

'Be Prepared' is the motto for the Boy Scout movement, but it is also a great motto for us to have as Christians during Advent. This week the Church begins its new year, as Sunday saw the beginning of a new year in the Christian calendar, Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin word "Adventus" which means "Arrival". It is a time of waiting for the arrival of Christmas, the coming of Jesus to earth when He was born as a baby in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago.

As Christians we are asked to 'be prepared' and 'stay awake' to the real meaning of Christmas.

These days we can get carried away with the commercialism of Christmas and our main focus can be the buying of presents, clothes, food and the organising of parties. We can sometimes leave Jesus out of Christmas altogether and replace Him with Father Christmas and Christmas trees, tinsel and decorations.

Advent, the season of preparation reminds us to celebrate the good news of the birth of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem and to also remember that one day he will return to earth as our judge.

This Advent how can we help ourselves to remain alert to the opportunities to grow in the love and service of others?

### Matthew 24:37-44

*When the Son of Man comes, it will be like what happened during Noah's time. In those days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving their children to be married, until the day Noah entered the boat. They knew nothing about what was happening until the flood came and destroyed them. It will be the same when the Son of Man comes. Two men will be in the field. One will be taken, and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding grain with a mill. One will be taken, and the other will be left. So always be ready, because you don't know the day your Lord will come. Remember this: If the owner of the house knew what time of night a thief was coming, the owner would watch and not let the thief break in. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at a time you don't expect him.*

### 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 at Christmas.**

**Amen**