

# NEWSLETTER



## Here Comes Christmas

Once again, this year's Here Comes Christmas! was a huge success.

Staff, pupils and the college community all came together to enjoy pre-Christmas festivities, and over £5,000 was raised.

Thank you to all pupils who entered into the spirit of the occasion, and many thanks to the staff and Sixth Formers who worked tirelessly on the stalls.

Your efforts and hard work made a great contribution to the success of the day.

And a big thank you to Mr Dolan, who couldn't be there on the day, but whose hard work and commitment ahead of the event ensured its great success.



## Coming up

### This Week - w/c 07/12/15 (Week 2)

**07/12/15**

College is closed

**08/12/15**

Jane Eyre, National Theatre

**10/12/15**

National Citizen Service Stall  
Yr 12 Parents' Evening

**11/12/15**

Visit to Imperial War Museum

**12/12/15**

Saturday Rehearsals of the SJP  
Nativity

### Next Week - w/c 12/12/15 (Week 1)

**15/12/15**

SJP Nativity

**16/12/15**

SJP Nativity

**16/12/15**

PSHE P2

Christmas Holidays!

## SJP Nativity 'Make a Careful Search' 2015



## SJP Shoe Box Appeal 2015

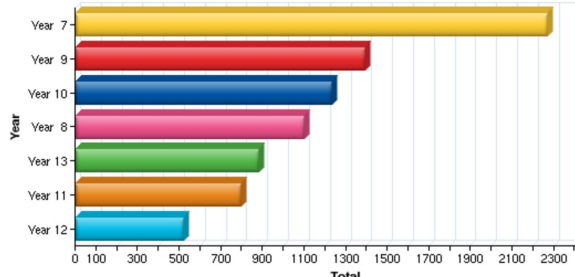


Over the last few weeks, pupils and staff have been busy packing shoe boxes for this year's Operation Christmas Child. So far we have packed an amazing two hundred and thirty boxes and we are still packing! Soon the boxes will be collected and be on their way to children around the world who have so little. As we open our presents on Christmas morning, we will know that four hundred and thirty children who we don't know the names of, or where they are in the world, will be experiencing the same excitement that we do as we open our own presents. Well done everyone.

**Please note SJP will close early at 2.20pm on Friday 18th December for the Christmas Holidays however Merseytravel buses are available at the normal time of 3.20pm Pupils are to return to College at 8.35am on Monday 4th January 2015 We wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

## Vivo Rewards

### St John Plessington Catholic College



## Geography goes off with a bang!

Despite the UK having no active volcanoes - all good Geographers will know why! - Year 7 did their best to recreate the UK from over 100 million years ago. For their homework they have made some amazing Volcano models. Some of the volcanoes even erupted, fortunately it was only baking soda and vinegar foaming out and not a 100km/hr pyroclastic flow! Well done to all model makers!



### Mock Exam Timetable GCSE 2015/16

		P1 8.40 - 9.40 am	P2 9.40 - 10.40am	P3 11.00 - 12.00	P4 13.20 - 14.20pm	P5 14.20 - 15.20 pm
08/12/2015						
Sports Hall	Tue	Triple Physics P1 1 hr		App Additional Science 1 hr	History P1 1.15 hr	
Drama				Spanish Hr 1.30 hr	Geography Controlled Assessment 2 hr	
IT Rooms				Listening & Reading		
09/12/2015			Triple Biology P1 1 hr		Religious Studies P1 1.30 hr	
Sports Hall	Wed		Additional Physics 1 hr			
10/12/2015			Additional Chemistry 1 hr			IT National 1 hr
Sports Hall	Thurs			BTEC Sport 1 hr		ECDL Power Point 1 hr
IT Rooms				Computer Science 1 hr	Spanish Fdn Listening & Reading 1.30 hr approx	
11/12/2015		Additional Biology 1 hr		Catering 1.15 hr		
Sports Hall	Fri					
Drama						
14/12/2015		Health & Social Care 1 hr		BTEC Business 1 hr		Triple Biology P2 1 hr
Sports Hall / IT	Mon					
15/12/2015			Triple Chemistry P1 1 hr		Religious Studies P2 1.30 hr	
Sports Hall	Tue					
16/12/2015		Triple Chemistry P2 1 hr		History P2 1.15 hr	Triple Physics P2 1 hr (59)	
Sports Hall	Wed				DT - Product Design 2 hr	
					DT - Graphic Products 2 hr	
					DT - Textiles 2 hr	
08/01/2016						
	Fri	Art 5 hrs				

### External Examinations

		P1 8.40 - 9.40 am	P2 9.40 - 10.40am	P3 11.00 - 12.00	P4 13.20 - 14.20pm	P5 14.20 - 15.20 pm
07/01/2016						
Sports Hall	Thurs	ICT National 1 hr				
13/01/2016					BTEC Sport 1 hr	
IT	Wed					
14/01/2016		BTEC Music 1 hr				
Sports Hall	Thurs					
05/02/2016				Year 11		Year 11
IT	Fri			BTEC Business 1 hr		BTEC Business 1 hr

## Year 11 Mock Examination Timetable

Please note that the mock examination window opens on Tuesday 8th December. Pupils have been issued with individual timetables, which have been posted home, but here is an overview of the two weeks. Please ensure your child is prepared for these exams through having carried out a thorough programme of revision, which should be carefully planned to make the best use of their time. Pupils must bring all necessary equipment required, including a black pen, which will be needed for all exams.

## Literacy Corner

Here is a painting called The Umbrellas by Pierre-Auguste Renoir.

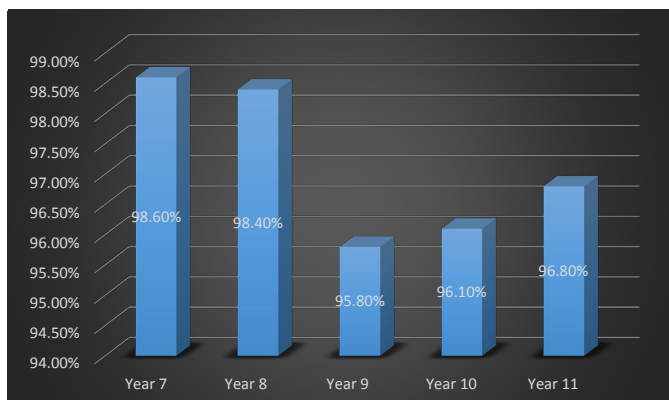


Imagine what the lady with the basket is thinking and feeling.

Write a short poem. It does not have to rhyme.

See Miss Davis with your poems and win a prize!

## Attendance 30/11/15



## Language Corner

Feliz Navidad- A Spanish Christmas

Every town in Spain has a nativity scenes called the Belén, with Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and the three kings. Towns compete with each other every year to see who has the best nativity scene.

Christmas celebrations usually start on 22nd December with a massive lottery: tickets cost 20 euros and the prize fund is enormous, it is called El Gordo.

Christmas Eve, or Noche Buena, families get together in the evening for a meal. This is usually like our Christmas dinner. They have lamb or pork followed by a sweet nougat, made from almonds, called turrón- it is delicious! On Christmas day people might get a present, but it will only be something small, as all the presents are opened on Christmas Eve. On 28th December it is Santos Inocentes – a day like April Fools' Day here, and everyone plays tricks and jokes on each other.

At midnight on 31st December Spanish people eat 12 grapes, uvas – one each time the clock chimes, this is meant to bring you luck for the coming year.



The first person to correctly translate the following to Miss Gascoigne wins Vivo points!

**uvas**  
**árbol de Navidad**

**regalos**

**cordero**

**guirnalda**

## Weekly Theme - “A voice in the wilderness”

Luke 3: 1-6

John the Baptist like many of the religious leaders throughout history and like Pope Francis today promoted a different message. A message that wasn't popular, but was good for the people. “Change your lives John told them, you are on the wrong path and path that is leading you away from God.”

Today just like in the time of John the Baptist, there are many paths that can lead us away from God. Drug

and alcohol use, sexual relationships. Each can seem like a good thing at first. But eventually these paths can lead to dead ends like broken relationships, addiction, and violence.

God wants so much more for us, so God sends us people like John the Baptist. People that can live happy and healthy lives while changing the world. People that point to paths that will lead us to be all that God knows we can be.

This season of Advent let's look for those people in our lives.

God of hope and promise be with us this Advent season.

Draw us ever closer as we journey together towards the stable and the birth of your Son, Jesus our Saviour. Amen

St John Plessington Pray for us.