St John Plessington Catholic College



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NEWSLETTER

COMING UP This Week - 27.11.17



COMING UP Next Week - 4.12.17

04 Dec	LIPA Theatre in Education Performances for Year 9
05 Dec	
06 Dec	LIPA Theatre in Education Performances for Year 9 PSHE P3
07 Dec	Y12 Parents' Evening
08 Dec	Christmas Cake Bake-break time









JUSTHELPING Registered charity number 1149068

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION in aid of



and other local charities

LEAVE THE EFFORT OF **GETTING RID OF YOUR TREE TO US!**

We would welcome a donation for the collection of your Christmas tree.

We are collecting trees from POSTCODES CH41, CH42, CH43, CH44, CH45, CH46, CH47, CH48, CH49, CH60, CH61, CH62, **CH63 & CH64** From 6th to 11th January

Register your tree by 3rd January 2018

To arrange a collection please book in at: www.charityxmastreecollection.com

After costs, 90% of the monies raised will go to the hospice and the remaining 10% donated to other local charities.



SHOE BOX APPEAL

Over the last few weeks, pupils and staff have been busy packing shoe boxes for this year's Operation Christmas Child. This year we have packed an amazing two hundred and thirty boxes! The boxes have been collected and are on their way to children around the world who have so little. As we open our presents on Christmas morning, we will know that two 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!



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CAREER IN TEACHING?

School Direct is a one-year, full time teacher training programme. At SJP, all School Direct Associate Teachers (ATs) are allocated a dedicated subject mentor, and guided by specialist tutors. At the end of the year, successful ATs will qualify with QTS and PGCE, which is accredited by the University of Chester.

What are the entry requirements?

• UK university degree 2:1 or above (2:2 for Maths, Physics, Chemistry, MFL) or a recognised equivalent qualification – we also accept applications from final year students due to graduate in 2018

• Grade C or above in GCSE English and Mathematics (Science for Primary)

 At least two full days of school observation
You will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check to verify your suitability to work with young people What subjects do we offer? We currently offer teacher training for Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, DT, Drama, English, Geography, History, Maths, Media, Modern Foreign Languages, PE, Physics, Primary, RE and Social Sciences.

In addition, our School Experience Programme offers the opportunity to spend a day or two at SJP in your subject department. You will be able to observe classes taking place, engage with pupils, and speak to subject staff and the School Direct ATs who are currently training with us. If you would like to know more about School Direct or our School Experience Programme please contact Helen Ruscoe, Teaching School and Marketing Manager, **enquiries@sjptsa.com** or **0151 645 5049.**

TEACHING

HERE COMES CHRISTMAS

Our traditional Christmas Fair 'Here Comes Christmas' takes place on Friday 1st December. Pupils will have the afternoon off from lessons to attend this very popular and successful community event. We open our doors to the public at 3.00pm. There is something for everybody! With a range of exciting and imaginative stalls and games! The money raised is split between our fundraising for 'Wirral Food Banks' as well as college based projects that benefit our own children. Please be aware that pupils are free to leave from 3.00pm on this day, although of course many of them choose to stay on and meet up with their families. It is a wonderful community event that we hope you will support. Pupils are in full school uniform that day although they may leave their school bags at home for this one occasion.



November - A Time to Remember

During the month of November we especially remember those who have died, from our families and among our friends.

We are grateful to them for the faith and for the gift of family they have passed on to us or the friendship they have given to us. We thank God for all those who have touched our hearts and our lives.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

The most beautiful memorial we can give to those we love is a living memory nourished by prayer, gratitude and ever-deepening affection.

During November our College Book of Remembrance will be on display in the College Atrium.

British Music Experience

On Thursday 30th November our Year 12 Music Technology students are taking part in a trip to visit the British Music Experience at the Cunard Building in Liverpool to help further and develop their knowledge of the historical and cultural influences of popular music. The exhibition boasts some fantastic artefacts and outfits worn by legendary artists ranging in genre from Freddie Mercury, David Bowie and Dusty Springfield to the Spice Girls, Adam Ant and X Factor finalists. There will also be musical instruments played by some of the world's most renowned artists from Noel Gallagher to the Sex Pistols, and hand written song lyrics from Adele, along with the original statues from the Brits and the Apple Corp front door from Saville Row. We'll also be able to learn a musical instrument with the best music equipment available, from drum kits to guitars and keyboards in the Gibson Brands Interactive Studio.

After we have visited the exhibition we are going to complete a walking tour of some of the famous cultural and musical sites in Liverpool, including stopping to watch the house band at the Cavern Club in the afternoon. We will give you an update and photos in next week's Newsletter!

Miss L Smith





STEM CLUBS LAUNCH IN SCIENCE

Dissection Club

Dissection Club is progressing well this year with an eye and a kidney and heart already dissected. Come along to Sc1 on a Wednesday at 12.30 to see more items being dissected! Still to come this year, lungs, liver, fish and locusts!

Young Vet Club

Building Bridges

Viserion joins Chick and Duck, our Royal Pythons. Pop in to Sc2 to meet him and possibly have a cuddle. The Young Vets Club will be responsible for looking after them, meeting on a Thursday after school in Sc7 where they are currently learning about reptile care and handling.

Years 9 and 10 are starting an exciting new project in STEM this week, in partnership with Liverpool University. They are creating a scale model of the new Mersey Gateway Bridge which is due to open shortly in Runcorn. Professor Andrew Green from Liverpool University's School of Engineering and his team will be in school to support our pupils. We still need pupils to get involved in this, so if you are interested visit Miss Moore in Sc2 to ask for details.









The Science department have worked hard this year to bring some fantastic extracurricular opportunities to all years at SIP. From Forensics with Miss Noone and Miss Eden to testing what effect alcohol has on the organs of the body with Miss Hulley, improving your football skills with Science with Miss Trayner, learning how to care for animals in the Young Vets club with Miss Walton, building bridges using 3D printing with Miss Moore or making a robot using pneumatics with Mr Chatwin - there is something for everyone on offer! Come and get involved.

Participation in STEM Clubs has been shown to raise attainment at GCSE by a whole grade, plus it's fun!

You can also come along to STEM Lite Bite on a Wednesday lunchtime in Sc1 at 12.30-12.45pm to see some gruesome dissections!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS AVAILABLE

On behalf of the physical education department I would like to offer you a very warm welcome to our latest update in this month's newsletter. Here you can keep up to date with all our latest sport and physical activity announcements.

In this issue I would like to this opportunity to inform our Year 7 pupils whilst reminding Years 8-11, about the number of extra-curricular sports clubs available (please see below for our latest timetable).

So far this term we have been overwhelmed with the response and attendance across all years and sports. Those attending so far have been able to learn and apply new skills, improve health and fitness whilst having fun with friends. However, we would still like to see as many pupils getting involved; so if you have not attended an activity yet, then why not come along? As a gentle reminder all we ask is that you arrive on time and have the correct for your chosen sport.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 11 / 13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10 / 7 Assembly	Friday 9 / 8 Assembly
12 - 12.35pm	Boccia Club	Yr 9/10 Netball (KP)	Yr 11 Basketball	Yr 9 Dance (AN)	Yr 10 and 11 Badminton (CO)
	PE BTEC Club	Yr 9 and 10 Basketball (MJH)	Year 9/10 Girls Rugby (AN)	Yr 9/11 Football (BDN)	Yr 10 and 11 Football (MJH)
12.35 - 1.10pm		Yr 7 and 8 Tag Rugby (AN/CO)	Yr7 Dance (KP) Yr 8 Netball (CO)	Yr 8 Dance (KP/CO)	Yr 7 Netball (KP)
		Yr 7 and 8 Basketball (BDN/BK)	Yr 7 and 8 Football (MJH)	Yr 8 Rugby (MJH)	Yr 7 Rugby (AN/BK)
3.20 - 4.20pm		All years Boys Football	All years Rugby	All years Basketball	PE BTEC Club
		Yr 7, 10, 11 Dance (KP/CO)	All Years squad Netball	Year 9 and 8 Dance (KP)	
		All years Girls Football (DT)	PE Fixtures -various	Girls Rugby - TOUCH/ CONTACT (AN)	
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BOYS CLUBS / GIRLS CLUBS / MIXED CLUBS

If you would like any more information about any of our fantastic clubs, then please come along to the physical education department and ask a member of staff.

Mr Nunnery Director of PE/Sport

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LITERACY CORNER

What do you mean?

Here are some new words to help build your vocabulary range. But what do they mean and can you write them in a sentence?

See Mrs Connolly with your answers to win a prize!

Vociferous Malevolent Diligent Amiable Discombobulated Cacophony Clandestine Quandary



AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT TIMETABLE

All sessions are 3.20 - 4.30pm unless otherwise organised with subject staff						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
	History	Maths	Psychology	DT		
	Physics	Biology	Chemistry	Spanish		
	Applied Science	Music	Geography			
	Sociology	Geography	Health & Social			
	DT	DT	DT			
	Art	Philosophy & Ethics	Art			
	ICT (PL)	ICT (DEK, AF1, PL)	Media			
	English	Business (KMP/HLL)	Business (NH)			
		Computing \ (DEK/AF1)	English			



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Thought for the week Week Commencing 20th November 2017

"Never look down on anyone unless you are helping him up." Jesse Jackson



"Not judging others and recognising one's own faults is the first requirement of being a good Christian." Pope Francis

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God our Father, I offer to you everything that I do this day. I offer to you my prayers, works, sufferings and joys of this day. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen me so that my life may be of service to you and all who I meet.

> St John Plessington Pray for us.