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# Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School Newsletter April 2017



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## Staffing News

It is with some sadness that I inform you that Mrs Scott will be retiring at the end of April. Mrs Scott has been a treasured member of staff for fourteen years and she will be greatly missed. She is a highly skilled teaching assistant who demonstrated great devotion to our pupils and the rest of the school community. Goodbye Mrs Scott and thank you; may God bless you as you begin the next exciting part of your life's journey.

Mrs Alex Kebell joined our teaching staff at the beginning of the month. We wish her a warm welcome and hope that she will have many happy years in our school.

## School App

In order to try to reduce our paper usage and to avoid confusion when letters disappear on the way home, we aim to share all our important dates via the school app. This is available on mobile telephones and tablets and can be also accessed via a computer, simply search for "ourschoolsapp" and then register with the school postcode, (DH4 7JZ) If you download the app you will also receive alerts for upcoming events. We also send out important information via text or email so please inform Mrs Ludford of any change to your contact details.

## Thank You

Thank you to those who joined us for our gardening morning. The children were particularly

wonderful and I'm sure you will all appreciate the great efforts made by all to improve the school environment for everyone.

## Fun, Recycled!

The children had lots of fun with this year's Lenten challenge, to make an outfit entirely from rubbish. The ideas were amazing and the fashion show proved to be a great hit. £134.77 was raised for St Cuthbert's Care and this will be added to the amount raised by EYFS cake sale so that a total of £236.28 will be sent to the charity.

## Twitter and Facebook

Our twitter feed is updated regularly with photographs and information about school events. Please follow us. We also have a facebook page: OLQoP Primary. The Friends of OLQoP Primary also have a facebook page; this site is used for sharing helpful information. If you have any queries or concerns, however, please always come to a member of staff to discuss them rather than raising them online, so that they can be resolved quickly.

## And Finally....

We have a number of plans underway to celebrate our school's **80 birthday**.

We are creating a handwritten copy of St Mark's Gospel and we would like all parents to write a verse. Please pop in to school when you get a moment.

On Thursday 25 May Bishop Seamus will be blessing our new school buildings. We will also be celebrating Mass at 11am. Please spread the word to family members, neighbours and friends as all will be welcome for this community celebration. There will be a marquee on the school field, so there will be plenty of room for all! After Mass we will have a picnic lunch, so don't forget to pack your sandwiches!

On the evening of 25 May we are hoping to have a family event. Please let me know if you would be willing to help with the organisation of this.

On 26 May we will be hosting a school concert and, once again, all are welcome so please spread the word.

## Events during Holy Week:

Please join us for as many events as possible during this special time in the church's year.

### Mon 10 April

Y1-Y6 Egg decorating competition  
Adult egg decorating competition  
EYFS Easter bonnet parade  
(All events £1 to enter, in aid of Arts Award in school.)

### Tues 11 April

Mass in church 9.30am  
Stations of the cross in school 2.30pm

### Thursday 13 April

Washing of Feet liturgy in school 9.30am

## SAVE THE DATE

25 and 26 May 2017  
**School 80 Birthday Celebrations**

## Easter Liturgy Times

### Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**St John Boste Church**  
Sunday: 9.30am

### Good Friday

**St Bede's Church**  
10am  
**St John Boste Church**  
11am

### Walk of Witness

Trinity Methodist Church,  
Shiney Row, 11am  
**Service to commemorate The Passion**  
**All Churches: 3pm**

### Holy Saturday

**St Bede's Church** 5pm  
**Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church** 7pm  
**St John Boste Church** 7pm  
**Our Lady Queen of Peace Church** 8pm

### Easter Sunday

**St Bede's Church** 8.30am  
**St John Boste Church** 9.30am  
**Our Lady Queen of Peace Church** 10am  
**Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church** 11am, 6pm

## Weekend Mass Times

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Church**  
Sunday: 10am  
**Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church**  
Sunday: 11am  
6pm  
**St Bede's Church**  
Saturday: 5pm  
Sunday: 8.30am  
**St John Boste Church**  
Sunday: 9.30am