



[www.olqoprprimary.org](http://www.olqoprprimary.org)



# Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School Newsletter

March 2015



[olqop.blogspot.co.uk](http://olqop.blogspot.co.uk)



@olqopprimary

## Thank You and Goodbye

As we approach the end of term I am sad to inform you that this will be the last Easter Fr Chris spends in our parish as he will be moving to serve the parishes of St Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street and St Bede, Sacriston. Fr Chris is a regular visitor to school, supporting the spiritual development of the children and staff and celebrating Mass with us. As a dedicated school governor he has been central to many major decisions about the school and will be sadly missed. Good luck and God's speed Fr Chris!

## Mr Lane

As you are aware, Mr Lane became seriously ill last month. Thankfully he is making a good recovery and is taking the opportunity to rest well and enjoy his garden. He has been very thankful for the prayers and many cards sent to him and is looking forward to returning to school when he is well. Please continue to pray for him, his wife, Bernadette and his family.

Our condolences go to Mrs Brown on the sad loss of her father. Please continue to pray for her family.

I am pleased to inform you that, after a long and unpredictable period of ill

health, Mr Coates is now feeling much better and guitar lessons will continue as planned.

## Welcome Baby Jay!

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Fish gave birth to a healthy little boy on 13<sup>th</sup> February. Mum and baby Jay are doing well.

## Here Comes the Bride!

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April Miss Lavery is getting married! The children in Goldsworthy class are getting very excited and looking forward to welcoming the new Mrs Duncan in the new term. Good luck Miss Lavery!

## Mothers' Day Lunches

Once again the week leading up to Mothers' Day was joyous in school. 120 mums, grans and aunties joined us for lunch. A magnificent "Well done and thank you," goes to Mrs Dovey and the kitchen staff. Thank you also to everyone who joined us.

## St Peter's Project

Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have recently taken part in a project linked to a new visitor's centre for St Peter's Church, Monkwearmouth. The children wrote spiritual or inspirational phrases on pebbles from Roker beach which are now being cast to make a path for the entrance to the centre.

(The pebbles will then be returned to the beach!) We look forward to seeing the finished project.

## Head Lice

Unfortunately, head lice have made a visit to our school. Head lice are tiny insects that live in human hair and are particularly common in children. They are whitish to grey-brown in colour, and smaller than the size of a pinhead when first hatched. When fully grown they're about the size of a sesame seed.

They can't fly, jump or swim and are spread by head-to-head contact, climbing from the hair of an infected person to the hair of someone else.

A head lice infestation isn't the result of dirty hair or poor hygiene. All types of hair can be affected, regardless of its length and condition. For advice on how to treat them please visit

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

Please note, it is not necessary for children to be absent from school if their hair has been treated.

## Parking

Thank you to our many parents and carers who park with due regard for safety. Please do not park in front of church or across the entrance to the carpark

as access is needed at all times. Please report all parking issues to the office staff as governors are keen to monitor and report all incidents.

## Good With....Donations!

As well as being "Good with Food" staff at the Co-Op in Penshaw have been extremely good at fundraising. They donated £700 to our netball team and as a result we will be able to purchase a new strip for the team and essential training equipment. Our grateful thanks go to the kind staff and customers.

## Sports' News

Well done to our many children who have taken part in a number of sporting activities, including Year 5 Tag Rugby competition, Y1 Dance Festival, KS2 swimming gala and several football matches. Thank you to our helpers at all sporting events

## No Blues at The City Sings

Well done to our school choir who once again gave a magnificent performance at The Empire Theatre. The theme this year was blues music, but there was no sadness in our children's contribution. Well done choir and a huge thank you to Mrs Purvis for her wonderful preparation. Thanks also to staff



[www.olqoprprimary.org](http://www.olqoprprimary.org)



# Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School Newsletter

March 2015



[olqop.blogspot.co.uk](http://olqop.blogspot.co.uk)



@olqopprimary

members who gave up part of their Mother's Day to support the children. As Mrs Dawson has new job, Mrs Purvis will be teaching our flute lessons next term.

Good luck to Lily and Poppy Williams who are about to sit music exams and to Isla McMonigle who is soon to star in the ITV production, *Beowulf*. Keep nurturing and sharing your talents girls; you're amazing!

### Lenterprise

Once again our budding entrepreneurs are working hard to ensure that their £1 multiplies. Toast, smoothies, cakes, book swaps, story-sharing are just some of the ways the children have been raising money. The final fundraising event will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April when we will hold the Lenterprise fair. Please note, this is a pupil only event but please give your child a small amount of money to enjoy the day. Don't forget that our painted egg competition is open to all, £1 entry fee. All Lenterprise proceeds will go to *St Cuthbert's Care*, a charity supporting those in need in our own locality. Thank you to Miss Lavery and the Mini-Vinnies for organising the event.

### The Sage

Our Year 4 children recently enjoyed a visit to The Sage, Gateshead for a live performance of *Ten Pieces*, a varied collection of classical music pieces performed by the Northern Symphonia Orchestra. The children thought it was wonderful!

### Dates for Your Diary

Holy Week is a very special time in school. **Please join us** for liturgies as follows:  
Stations of the Cross  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
2.30pm

Mass in church  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
9.30am

Washing of Feet  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
9.15am

### And Finally....

Plans to start the building work are STILL continuing. We don't yet have a start date but we are getting closer! Watch this space!

Barbara Reilly-O'Donnell

### Weekend Mass Times

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Church**

Sunday: 10am and 6pm

**Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church**

Saturday: 6.30pm

Sunday: 11am

**St Bede's Church**

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 9.15am  
**St John Boste Church**  
Sunday: 10am and 6pm

### Prayer for March:

Easter Proclamation  
(Exsultet)

Rejoice, heavenly powers!  
Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around  
God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is  
risen!  
Sound the trumpet of  
salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining  
splendour,  
radiant in the brightness of  
your King!  
Christ has  
conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church!  
Exult in glory!  
The risen Saviour shines  
upon you!  
Let this place resound with  
joy,  
echoing the mighty song of  
all God's people!  
Lord Jesus.  
Amen.

### Easter Services Times

**Reconciliation Service:**  
Wednesday, March 25,  
7pm at St John Boste

**Holy Thursday, 2 April:**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper

7pm at St John Boste  
followed by watching  
until midnight

**Good Friday, 3 April:**  
11am Churches Together  
Stations of the Cross  
starting at Our Lady Queen  
of Peace

Liturgy in all four  
Churches 3pm

**Holy Saturday, 4 April,**  
Easter Vigil:  
St Bede 5pm  
Our Blessed Lady  
Immaculate 6:30pm  
Our Lady Queen of Peace  
6:30pm  
St John Boste 7pm

**Easter Sunday: 5 April**  
**Our Lady Queen of Peace Church**  
10am and 6pm  
**Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church**  
11am  
**St Bede's Church**  
9.15am  
**St John Boste Church**  
10am and 6pm