

# Schools newsletter

May 2013

Dear Colleagues

Chadwick, Chadwick, Chadwick (with apologies to Tony Blair)

It's that time again, I know. SATS, GCSEs, A levels, performance reviews, transition visits, fetes, trips and of course (this year) Chadwick. Meanwhile for us it's more investment in spreading the messages of Chadwick as the Board Chairs and I present to both Diocesan Synods about "The Future of Church Schools".

We were delighted to see so many of you, your governors and your incumbents at the Marriott conferences in April: more than 90% of our 103 schools across both Dioceses were represented. The evaluation forms we have received were enthusiastic (not only about the bacon sandwiches), and we will certainly take seriously your comments and suggestions, since you do tell us that you would like to have more events in the future. (If you have not yet sent us your comments, please do so now: see Susie's email of 30th April)

Many of you have commented on how refreshing it was to have really heartfelt and well-crafted contributions from school and parish representatives in the after-coffee slots: the speakers really did us proud, didn't they? And there was strong support for "mixing up" school groups from the whole Joint Team area – from the Tees to the Tweed. "We are all facing the same issues", as one of you said.

Now what next? Well, the text/slideshow contributions of all the speakers across the 3 conferences are now available on the Newcastle Diocesan website: <http://www.newcastleanglican.org/schools/chadwick-conference-2013.aspx> (Please note the Durham website is currently undergoing a review, so for our Durham schools please access the documents temporarily through the Newcastle site) So please download and use them as source materials in your governing body discussions of Chadwick, which you've all undertaken to have this term! Do please let Susie have a very brief note of key points from those discussions, even if it's only 3 or 4 bullet points. We can only know what you think if you tell us!

Finally, on a different note, you'll find later in this Newsletter articles celebrating a couple of great achievements at Holy Trinity First School in Berwick and a remarkable footballing feat by one of our smallest schools in Durham, Esh Primary School. Well done to them! If you would like us to showcase similar award-winning projects in your school, particularly those with regional or national significance, do let Lisa Padgett know (email: [lisa.padgett@drmnewcanglican.org](mailto:lisa.padgett@drmnewcanglican.org))

With best wishes from

Jeremy and the Joint Education Team



## BACS payments to the Diocese

We kindly urge all schools when paying their Partnering Agreement this year, any payments for conferences/training events or for governors contributions towards projects, to please ensure that payments are made to the correct bank account as specified on the invoice. Thank you.

## Head Teacher Changes Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle

Name of School	Local Authority	Outgoing Head Teacher	New Head Teacher if Appointment Known	Start Date
<b>Recent and Ongoing Appointments</b>				
Holy Trinity Rosehill CE Primary School, Stockton	Stockton	Stuart Jones	Gillian Orr	Sep-13
Stanhope Barrington CE Primary School	Durham	Lynn Bainbridge	Shaun Myers	Sep-13
Richard Coates CE Middle School, Ponteland	Northumberland	Paul Rusby	Heather Cape	Sep-13
St Oswald's CE Primary School, Hebburn	South Tyneside	Mike Falcus	Helen Smith	Sep-13
Dr Thomlinson CE Middle School, Rothbury	Northumberland	Heather Cape	Ongoing	Sep-13
St Michael's CE First School, Alnwick	Northumberland	Debbie Boughen	Ongoing	Sep-13
Chollerton CE First School, Hexham	Northumberland	Sue Wildsmith	Hazel Davey	Jan-14

## Music projects in Berwick win grant funding



More than 700 children in Berwick-upon-Tweed are set to benefit from a Youth Music grant of £100,000. The grant to Holy Trinity First School is to undertake a music project involving eight local schools. Children have already been consulted about their musical interests and as a result the project will offer singing, guitar and steel pan learning sessions over a two year period. Participants will perform at three

celebratory performance events, which the young people themselves will take part in designing, delivering and performing.

Dawn Groves, Headteacher at Holy Trinity First School, said: "We are really looking forward to working with The Sage Gateshead to deliver a high quality music project locally in Berwick. This is a really exciting project which will benefit all children and young people in our area."

The funding is one of a number of Youth Music grants announced in March totalling £402,000 for music projects in the North East region.

Youth Music is the leading UK charity supporting life-changing music experiences and learning for children and young people. The grant awards are part of the latest round of funding amounting to £4.5m which will be spent by music organisations helping young people with least opportunity access music provision. During the last year, Youth Music supported in excess of 380 projects benefiting more than 110,000 young people and children – the highest number ever. This brings the total number helped by Youth Music to 2.5 million. Grants have been made available across all musical genres from opera to hip-hop.

Matt Griffiths, Executive Director, Youth Music, said: "We are delighted to support Holy Trinity First School along with all the other organisations that are doing such great work to support young people in the North East. We know that music captures the imagination of children and young people in a way that other learning often doesn't and the benefits of their participation go way beyond developing musical skills. These benefits can include greater social and team working skills as well as enhanced self-esteem. We wish Holy Trinity First School every success with its very worthwhile projects."

To find out more about Youth Music visit: [www.youthmusic.org.uk](http://www.youthmusic.org.uk)





# PTA at Holy Trinity First School in Berwick wins regional award

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## MEDIA RELEASE

16 April 2013

### **LOCAL PTA WINS £500 AS REGIONAL WINNER IN PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARDS COMPETITION AND WILL NOW REPRESENT THE NORTH OF ENGLAND IN THE UK FINALS**

Holy Trinity First School PTA, in Berwick upon Tweed, has been selected as the regional winner for the North of England, in the PTA-UK<sup>1</sup> Gold Star Awards 2013<sup>2</sup> and will now proceed through to the UK finals.

On Grandparents Day, organized by the PTA in conjunction with the school, pupils invite their Grans and Grandpas into school, to see and experience first-hand a day at Holy Trinity. The day gets underway with a special assembly, which celebrates the role of a grandparent and demonstrates that the school values the role they can play in a child's upbringing. Jodi Mace from the PTA said *"Children proudly give their grandparents a tour of the school, showing them their classrooms, their workbooks and their art projects. Last year's event was extra special as grandparents were invited to a special Jubilee tea in a marquee in the school grounds. Grandparents' Day is hugely popular with some grandparents organizing their holidays around it and some being prepared to travel great distances to attend, from Sweden and Germany no less!"*

Holy Trinity PTA will now join winners from Northern Ireland, Wales and England (South and Central) at the national finals on the Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June in central London, when the overall winner in the Working with the Local Community category will be announced. If successful, the PTA will receive a cheque for £1,000 in addition to the £500 they have already won as a regional winner.

*"The Gold Star Awards recognise and reward the everyday achievements of PTAs throughout the region,"* said Lee Walker, PTA-UK Adviser for the North East. *"The standard of entries was very high this year and PTA-UK commends all the applications received; to make it through to the national finals as one of five regional winners in this fiercely contested category is an amazing feat and we wish the PTA the very best of luck as they now go through to the final judging stage".*

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The Gold Star Awards, held annually, aim to recognise and reward outstanding achievement in six categories: Achievement in Parental Involvement, Changing the Life of the School, PTA Fundraising Achievement, Working with the Local Community, New PTA of the Year and PTA Volunteer of the Year. Details of the PTA-UK Gold Star Awards 2013 can be found at [www.pta.org.uk](http://www.pta.org.uk) or you can contact Mrs Jane Galbraith, PTA-UK Membership Development Manager [jane.galbraith@pta.org.uk](mailto:jane.galbraith@pta.org.uk) / 01732 375464 / 07850 907 174. For further enquiries about 'Grandparents' Day' please contact Jodi Mace on 07736 002813 or Headteacher Dawn Groves on 01289 306142.

<sup>1</sup>PTA-UK is a national charity and membership organisation providing support, guidance and practical resources for over 13,750 PTAs in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. See [www.pta.org.uk](http://www.pta.org.uk) for more information.

<sup>2</sup>The PTA-UK Gold Star Awards is an annual awards scheme open to all PTAs in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. See [www.pta.org.uk](http://www.pta.org.uk) for more information

# Esh Primary School celebrate achievement at national competition



**The Northern Echo**

3:12pm Tuesday 14th May 2013  
in [News](#) by Gavin Engelbrecht

YOUNG football stars of the future are celebrating after becoming runners-up in a keenly-contested national competition.

Players and supporters of Esh CE Aided Primary School, in Esh, near Durham City, were disappointed at losing in the final minutes of their cup game final, but are proud that they managed to make it as far as they did.

The team travelled to London for the finals of the English Schools Football Association (ESFA) Danone Nations Cup - after county and then regional champions, having trounced teams from Northumberland, Liverpool and Carlisle.

The team played four games in their league at the weekend, before taking on Essex's Rickling Primary School in the final.

Esh headteacher and coach Roger Ward said: "It was 0-0 at full time. We could have won it at the last free kick - it was just touched over the bar. If it had bounced differently it would have gone in.

"Then we were beat 2-0 in the dying moments of the second half of extra time.

"The children went through every emotion – from elation to disappointment.

"But it is probably one of my proudest moments. It is the first time a County Durham team has got this far in the competition.

"I am proud at the children having got so far and having shown such a fabulous attitude at every stage of the competition."

This season the side, which is made up of year five and six pupils aged nine to 11-year-old, are also the Durham Schools League winners.

Mr Ward said: "I would like to thank everyone who contributed to money toward the trip.

"Local councillors and the Durham City School Sport Partnership provided money for us to go to London."



Esh CE Aided Primary School football team before the match

# RE

Quality Mark

## Recognising outstanding learning in religious education

### What is the RE Quality Mark?

#### The RE Quality Mark:

- ★ has been developed to celebrate high quality religious education
- ★ provides community schools, faith schools and academies with a framework to capture good practice
- ★ encourages the development and celebration of school wide commitment to excellent teaching and learning in religious education



### How does the RE Quality Mark work?

#### The REQM has five strands:

- ★ Learners and Learning
- ★ Teachers and Teaching
- ★ Curriculum
- ★ Subject Leadership
- ★ Continuing Professional Development

There are three award levels: bronze, silver and gold.

Schools applying for the REQM highlight where they think they meet the criteria. After applying for the REQM an assessor will visit the school, interview learners and meet the subject leader and a member of the senior leadership team.

### What do I do next?

- ★ Visit the website and explore the criteria: [www.reqm.org](http://www.reqm.org)
- ★ If you think your school could achieve the award, email [admin@reqm.org](mailto:admin@reqm.org) to find out more.
- ★ The cost of REQM is £475 per school.
- ★ There is funding for small schools (100 pupils or fewer) to meet the cost of the award.



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

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# Classroom resources from Send a Cow

For 25 years Send a Cow have been helping thousands of African families and orphans grow enough food to eat, sell their produce and develop small businesses that last.



As a class you can follow a family as they journey out of poverty

Send a Cow works hand in hand with poor families, teaching them the skills they need to build new lives free from poverty and hunger. By providing training, livestock, seeds and support, Send a Cow restores hope and creates stronger communities for the future. In turn, these families then pass on young livestock, seeds or training to others. And so on. And so on. This 'Pass it On' principle not only builds stronger communities, it allows us to help even more people to develop skills, confidence and self respect.

**People are happier and healthier, children are educated, wealth is created and communities are more harmonious**



Get posters, packs and stickers for school

We've got plenty of materials to help you bring Africa and Send a Cow right into your classroom, and our practical ideas and projects will bring Africa to life for children through fun, hands-on learning. There are all sorts of great resources, from games and plays, to assembly themes, and photos to download for free on our website. And for a fun introduction to Africa and our work, have a look at our award winning kids' site [www.cowforce.com](http://www.cowforce.com)

To find out more about Send a Cow, order free classroom resources, or arrange for a speaker to attend your school, visit:

[www.sendacow.org.uk/lessonsfromafrica/](http://www.sendacow.org.uk/lessonsfromafrica/)



# Virtual RE - FREE Roadshows Coming SOON

RE:Online, the most used online RE site in the UK, has been revamped. To celebrate, two **FREE** roadshows are coming to the North East and you are invited! Some of its lead consultants and contributors will help you learn how to find your way around the new site, receive subject support, help with assessment and loads more! You will go away with a wealth of practical ideas to support your teaching in RE. Don't miss this chance to be part of the National RE Conversation! Your sessions are:

**19th June, Education Development Centre, Spennymoor, Durham  
4.00pm - 5.30pm**

**20th June, Religious Resources Centre, Church House, North Shields  
4.00pm - 5.30pm**

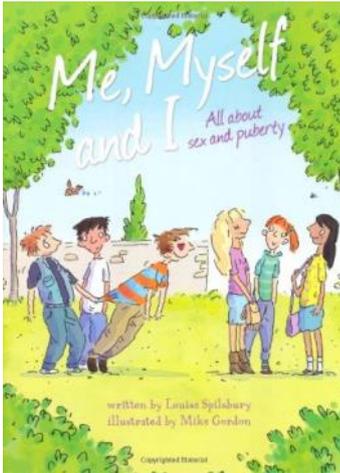


Explore the new RE:Online website

Places at the RE:Online Roadshow events are limited. To enquire about or book a place please contact [deborah@cstg.org.uk](mailto:deborah@cstg.org.uk) stating which event you are interested in attending, or visit: [www.reonline.org.uk/supporting/re-matters/news-inner/?id=18399](http://www.reonline.org.uk/supporting/re-matters/news-inner/?id=18399)

# Excellent resources for concerned parents, supportive youth workers and curious kids

## Book Reviews by Colette Elliot The North East Religious Resources Centre



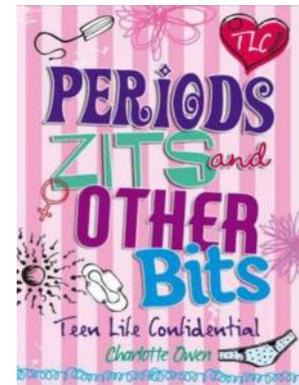
### **Me, Myself and I: All about sex and puberty - Louise Spilsbury**

This book is full of answers to the questions and concerns teenagers may have about puberty, sex and the physical, emotional and social changes which occur as their bodies and friendships develop. Practical and informative, this is highly recommended for those approaching and beginning to go through puberty who have questions they may be too embarrassed to ask. It's the kind of thing a parent can buy/leave around the house for their child knowing that their child will return to it again and again for information as their understanding and needs develop.

### **Periods, Zits and Other Bits - Charlotte Owen**

A guide to everything girls need to know about puberty. It has a simple question and answer format which offers in-depth reassuring information that is easy to find and understand.

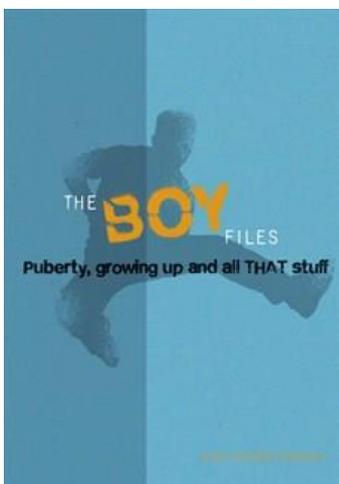
Recommended reading for teenage girls.



### **The Boy Files: Puberty, growing up and all THAT stuff - Alex Hooper-Hodson**

This book provides direct information on the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty. It covers everything from hygiene to healthy eating, breaking voices to body hair and also covers social problems such as bullying, online safety and many other issues boys at this stage of life may face. It has a chatty tone and would be an ideal reference for curious or insecure tweenagers and teenagers.

Also available: The Girl Files



# Enough Abuse UK

Enough Abuse provides in depth training to help children, parents, teachers and those with a duty of care on four specific issues which, if adopted, will reduce the incidence of Child Sexual Abuse.

1. How to recognise a potential abuser from their behaviour and attitudes
2. How to increase a child's resistance to reject an approach from an abuser
3. Management of a disclosure
4. Management of an abused child and its family

All of our courses are created from the real life experiences of our Trustees who have many years experience addressing the issues of Child Sexual Abuse. Our founder's family suffered from her three boys being abused by their head teacher. Working in the school as head of music and attending the Safeguarding courses with the head teacher why did she not recognise the threat? Terry Phelan, the Premier League and International footballer, was a street kid in Salford and experienced abuse in many levels. Why did nobody act to protect children? Charles Forte has some forty years experience working with abusers, Mike Hames was Head of the Metropolitan Police Paedophile Unit and Steve Lowe manages safeguarding across the world on behalf of the Stagecoach, the performing arts company.

You can, of course, meet with our trustees at our conferences. We have two conferences available on 13th June 2013 at West Yorkshire Police Training Dept, Wakefield or Birmingham 3rd October 2013 at the Tally Ho Conference & Banqueting Centre, Birmingham. Alternatively, we would be delighted to offer you a face to face consultation with a senior member of our team to discuss other training courses or other services which we could offer. You select the skills and experience needed and we will customise our courses for you. If you require further details or need to speak with the Enough Abuse team directly, please call 0844 5983198 or alternatively you can also find more details on the website:

[www.enoughabuseuk.com](http://www.enoughabuseuk.com)



## West Yorkshire Conference June 13th 2013 EMPOWERING CHILDREN TO RESIST ABUSE

### Venue & Timings:

West Yorkshire Training & Development  
Centre, West Yorkshire Police Constabulary,  
Wakefield, WF1 3QZ

Thursday 13th June 2013,  
9:15am until 4:00pm

### Conference fees:

£150.00 + VAT until April 30th  
thereafter £175.00 + VAT

Fees include Delegate Pack, Lunch and  
Refreshments

## Birmingham Conference October 3rd 2013 EMPOWERING CHILDREN TO RESIST ABUSE

### Venue & Timings:

Tally Ho Conference & Banqueting Centre,  
Pershore Road, Edgbaston,  
Birmingham, B5 7RN

Thursday 3rd October 2013,  
9:30am until 4:30pm

### Conference fees:

£150.00 + VAT until August 31st  
thereafter £175.00 + VAT

Fees include Delegate Pack, Lunch and  
Refreshments

## East Midlands Secondary Partnership RE Conference 2013

A new and exciting opportunity for Religious Education Teachers in Secondary Schools

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 9.15 am to 3.45 pm

Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse, Leics. LE12 8TX

**Cost: £130.00**

A day to stimulate and inspire your Religious Education Teaching and provoke discussion and dialogue with over 15 examples of classroom activities to try out and take away.

Day includes all course materials, lunch and refreshments.

### Programme:

- 08.45** Registration and refreshments (Beaumanor Hall is open from 8.15 am)
- 09.15** **Keynote 1: Making good progress in RE: Developing enquiry and learning**  
With Ofsted's emphasis on all pupils making progress through each lesson, this session will explore how we can develop pupils' abilities in enquiry through the secondary school. Using a mixture of research, varied learning approaches and classroom illustrations, you will try out some ideas for developing enquiry and apply them to your own school situations, in relation to both 11 – 14 and 14 – 19 age groups.
- 10.15** Refreshments
- 10.45** **Session 2: Learning from many religions and beliefs; dynamic and authentic strategies**  
An opportunity to consider learning activities relating to Hindu, Muslim, Atheist and Buddhist life, in the context of local, national and global diversities.
- 12.15** Lunch
- 13.15** **Session 3: Enriching teaching and learning for achievement and spiritual development**  
At least 9 strategies for active learning, using texts, images, video and reflection to raise achievement and develop the spirit.
- 14.30** Break
- 14.45** **Keynote 2: RE, learning and the brain**  
10 ideas to reinvigorate your teaching by exploring recent findings from psychology and neuroscience that you may not have had time to keep up with! Some classroom materials applying these findings to RE will be available for you to use on your return to school and links to research will enable you to take things deeper for yourself.
- 15.45** Evaluations and Close



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To book a place, please send your full name and details including postal address for the invoice to:

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