

## Memory tree 3.4.80

A WHITE lilac tree, the most recent addition to her much-loved garden, will always remind Mrs Olive Whitlock of the many children she has served as "dinner lady" for 23 years at Monkleigh School.

The tree was one of the gifts given to Mrs Whitlock by children and fellow staff on her retirement at the end of the winter term.

Other gifts included a cheque, which was presented by the headmaster, Mr C S Wingrave - Paine, and a bouquet presented by pupil Diane Glover.

During her years at the school Mrs Whitlock has never failed to make the journey from her home at Saltrens by bicycle whatever the weather.

She has worked with three different cooks and seen the numbers of children having dinner at school double to a peak of 80 at one time, although the figure has now dropped back to 45.



Children of Monkleigh School say goodbye to Mrs Olive Whitlock, their "dinner lady" for the past 23 years