Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1914-15

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wish them to be examined in April for Leaving Certificates to give in their names to me as early as possible.

th March Albert Gillett has left school for work. His name has been removed from the School Registers.

Received Instructions, re Reading Scheme and Requisition for Supplementary Reading Books, also form for Reading Scheme from the Director of Education.

th " Physical Exercises were taken in school this afternoon owing to the wet.

Only 45 children were present all day on account of the bad weather.

9th " Thomas White has left school today. He is leaving the parish.

2th " Received Delivery Note of goods requisitioned on the 16th ult. from Arnolds & Son Leeds.

13th " Form 171 E. sent, duly filled in, to the County Offices Trowbridge along with the Staff Return; also application for Lucy Jane Godwin to sit in April next for Leaving Certificate.

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March 13th Some of the goods entered on the Delivery Notes received on the 12th inst. arrived on Saturday the 14th. Messrs. Arnold & Son have been notified re goods not received.

" 18. Tested the Register & found no inaccuracy – Eighteen in the Infant & Thirty four in the Mixed department were present. I also commenced the checking of the Quarterly Returns.

" 19th Admitted three fresh scholars, one a cripple, only able to attend in the afternoons in the Infant Class.

Received letter from Messrs. Arnold & Son re missing goods. A parcel is supposed to have been miscarried.

" 20th Several children absent today owing to the weather.

34 present in the morning and 37 in the afternoon. Only 7 infants attended all day.

" 23rd. Received Circ. No 18 with Annual Return Form and Memorandum re training of children as teachers.

Arnold & Son Leeds have again been advised re missing goods after

further inquiries at Devizes Goods Station, in accordance with their reques

24th March Received reply from Messrs Arnold & Son Leeds to letter re missing goods. If items are not to hand in two or three days, on being again advised they will forward replacements.

30th " The goods referred to above have now been received and the items entered in the Inventory of stock the Delivery Notes being forwarded to the County Office.

Received notice from the Director that the Duplicate Registers are in future to be posted to the County Office each Friday instead of to Mr Tillier.

31st " Annual Return filled in and sent to the County Office.

Beatrice Gillett stated that she would not be attending School after today as she is now 14 years of age. Her name has therefore been removed from the School Registers.

1st April Rearranged the classes and Standards for the ensuing year.

Received notice that the Examination for Leaving Certificates will be held in the

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Devizes Town Boys' School on 6th April at 1.45 p.m.

4. April Schemes of Work for the Year 1914–1915 posted to Mr G. R. Purdie, H.M.I. through the Board of Education.

" Names of children who have won Dr. Blaney's Foundation Prizes, and of those who have gained Certificates, p. 8. Par. 45 "Handbook for Managers & Teachers" for the Year ended March 31st 1914. were announced in School today.

" School closed for Easter Holidays. It will reassemble on Tuesday the 21st inst. Monday the 20th being Devizes Fair.

" School reassembled. Admitted two fresh children to the Infant Class.

58 present in the Morning and 59 in the afternoon.

" Cautioned the children against coming to School in a verminous condition.

" Received note from Mrs. W. Feltham complaining because her child's head was examined.

" Admitted a fresh Scholar to the

Infant Class.

28th April Received Result of Lucy Jane Godwin's examination for Leaving Certificate - "Failure".

Received Notice of Examination at the Devizes Secondary School for Free Places, to be held on the 16th May, 1914, also for the Bear Club Foundation to be held on the same day.

30th Apl. Tested the Registers. Found no inaccuracy. Forty three in the Mixed, fourteen in the Infant School. J. Bowles

30th April Received Schemes of Work from H. M. Inspector.

1st May Mr. C. Miller from the County Office visited the school today and checked the Registers on behalf of the Local Education Authority.

4th " Physical Exercises were taken in school owing to the rain.

8th " Punished Joseph Dean for disfiguring his exercise book.

11th " Physical Exercises of the Upper Standards taken by the assistant. Master in school but very unwell, unable to do much Oral work.

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May William Newman sick in school this afternoon.

The Master is still very unwell and is obliged to refrain from oral work as much as possible at present.

Physical Exercises were taken by the assistant today.

" School closed in the afternoon for half holiday. Ascension Day.

" George Haines has broken his arm and is unable to attend school.

" School visited by the Director of Education.

" Examined Standards I & II in Arithmetic.

" Questioned Upper class of Infants in Numbers.

" Closed School for Whitsuntide Holidays.

June School reassembled. Admitted a fresh scholar.

Received Circ. No 30. G. E. C. with Instalments 6 + 7 Bd. of Education's Suggestions (Circ. 834-834

Reginald Collett was seized with an attack of giddiness during Physical Exercises this afternoon. He was taken

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into school and allowed to rest.

Shortly afterwards he was quite recovered and able to continue lessons.

June 17. Tested the register & found no inaccuracy. Fourteen were present in the Infant & forty-three in the mixed dept.

S. Boulter.

" 19th Punished Reginald Collett and Arthur L. Twiney for breach of discipline.

" 22nd. Infant Teacher absent on leave. Infants & Standard I taken by Teacher of Standards I & II. Standards II – VI taken by Head Teacher.

" 23rd. Punished George Twiney and Joseph Dean for disobedience.

" 26th " The farmers are busy with their hay and some of the children are being made use of in the hayfield occasionally.

" 30th " Lawrence Haines felt sick and faint during the last lesson this afternoon. He was taken and seated in shade in the open air until he recovered.

July 3rd School closed for Summer Holidays. School re-assembles 4th August 1914.

Aug. 4th School re-assembled. 43 children present.

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7th The average has fallen considerably. The names of five children have been removed from the School Registers.

10th Admitted three fresh scholars. Readmitted one. Two removed from the Register. Reginald and Herbert Collett have returned to school.

School visited by the attendance Officer.

18th Teacher of Standards I & II absent in the morning to go to the dentist. She was able to attend in the afternoon. Standard I was taken in the morning by the Infant teacher. The Head teacher took Standard II.

26th Reginald W. H. Collett & Walter H. Collett have left this school and are attending Bromham Council School. Their names have been removed from the School Registers.

28. Tested the Registers. found no inaccuracy. Nineteen girls & sixteen boys were present in the mixed & fourteen in the infant departments. L. Bartter.

31st School visited by the attendance Officer.

1st. Took Standard I in reading for short time. Assistant took Standards III & IV meanwhile.

2nd Received Lucy Jane Godwin's correct date of birth through the School attendance Officer, and corrected the entries of date given on admission in the registers.

9th. Admitted a fresh scholar to the Infant Class.

11th. There have been some cases of sickness among the children this week, there has however been an increase in the average attendance for the week.

14th. Lilian Bodman, who has been attending this school during the last five weeks has returned to her home. Her name has been removed from the registers of this school.

18th Sept. Constance Cowdry went home ill this afternoon at playtime. Her attendance mark was cancelled.

18th " Miss Myra Smith has today resigned the post of Infant Teacher in this School. Notice to be sent to the County Accountant.

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Sept 1914. Alice Victoria Newman commenced duties as Monitress today pending the appointment of a Supplementary Teacher in the place of Miss Myra Smith.

The Infants and Standard I were taken by Miss Irene Smith. Standard II was taken by the Monitress.

25 Tested the Registers. Found no inaccuracy. There were Thirty Six in the mixed Dep.t and sixteen in the infants. Some of those in the Mixed Dep.t were temporarily being taught among the infants. S. Boutter.

E. 28th School closed today at 4 p.m. for the Michaelmas Holiday and will re-assemble on Monday Oct. 5th 1914.

E. 5th School re-assembled. 52 present. Notified accountant of Alice V. Newman's appointment as Temporary Monitress.

9th There have been several attendances lost this week owing to some of the parents making use of their children during School hours. Average for the Elder children 34.6, Infants 16.1, the percentages being 91.0 & 89.4 respectively.

12th Admitted one child to the Infant Class.

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Oct. 13th Received notice from Mrs. William Lye that her daughter Florence Mary Lye would not attend school after today as she is now 14 years of age.

" 14th Removed Florence Mary Lye's name from the School Registers.

Received instructions from Mr. C.H. Corbett to send the Duplicate Register to the County Office each Friday evening until further notice, as Mr. Powney has joined the Army, also a request that, pending the appointment of an Attendance Officer, endeavour should be made to secure the highest possible percentage of attendance at this school.

Warned the children against losing attendances.

A fire was lit in the Infant room today.

" 15th. School visited by Mr. A. Mitchell, who took attendances made by the children of Mrs. Minnie Collett for the use of the Board of Guardians.

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15th Oct. Nil Mental Deficiency Form sent to the County Office along with the Staff Return.

19th " Received notice that this school will be Medically examined on Thursday, October 29th at about 10 a.m. Announced the above to the School Children. Sent the number of those eligible for examination to the County School Medical Officer.

30th " Half Holiday, Devizes Fair

31st " Gave notice that any children, eligible by age and Standard whose Parents wished them to be examined for Labour Certificates were to give me their names not later than tomorrow the 22nd ult. Wrote to the Head Mistress Worton, requesting the Weighing Machine to be forwarded.

2nd. " Dorothy Twiney was taken ill in School this morning. She was sent home in charge of the monitress and her attendance mark was cancelled.

3rd " School visited by H. M. Sub-Inspector Mr. S. Davis.

4th " Weighing Machine arrived on Friday evening last.

26th Oct. Weighed infants and Standard I children after 3 p.m.

27th " Completed weighing the children.
Furnished Mr. C. H. Corbett, County Secretary with the number of girls in the school 11 years of age and upwards last birthday.

29th " School Medical Inspection. Nurse in attendance.
Elsie Virginia Jones has left school being 14 years of age. Removed her name from the School Registers.

3rd Nov. Infants taken by the supplementary assistant. Standard I removed from the Infant Classroom. Monitress assists the Head Teacher with the lower Standard.

4th " School visited in the morning by Mr. R. E. Cruse, the newly appointed School attendance Officer.
Coloured strips requisitioned received from [illegible].

11th " Received Delivery Note of goods requisitioned on the 16th Oct. from Arnold & Son Leeds. Only the coloured strips [illegible]

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th Nov. Received from Medical Inspector Form M.I.4.c.f. with letters to be sent to parents of children named on the Report.

The letters were sent to the parents with the children at the close of the morning's attendance.

The goods requisitioned on the 16th Oct. arrived today. On checking the items it was found that there was one skein of coloured ~~wool~~ crewel silk less than ordered and quoted on the Delivery Note.

Messrs Arnold Reeds are being notified of the shortage.

" A new Medical Log Book has been sent to the School and is now deposited in the Head Teacher's Desk.

Received one skein of crewel silk from Messrs Arnold & Reeds.

th " School visited by the attendance Officer.

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23. Nov. Filled in and despatched Report on condition of children to the School Medical Inspector.

[illegible] " I took charge of this school for 2 days. Thursday & Friday [illegible]

30th " My certificate expired on the 25th Day of November 1914, and I am now temporarily in charge of this School until it closes for Christmas Holidays. Hugh Leslie.

[illegible]rd-Dec. Lucy Jane Godwin has left School being 14 years of age. Her name has been removed from the School Register.

School visited by the School Attendance Officer.

[illegible]th " Several children absent owing to the weather.

[illegible]th " I have received a letter from the Director of Education stating that the Committee have consented to the proposal of the Managers to retain my [illegible]

head master until the end of the year.

Dec. Posted up in School and read out to the children notice that this School will be inspected by the Diocesan Inspector of Schools on Wednesday the 23rd. December 1914, at 10 o'clock a.m.

th. " Constance Cowdry No 22 in Infant Register for over 5's was accidentally marked absent while present. See correction in red ink.

th. School visited in the afternoon by the Attendance Officer.

18 Tested the Registers found no inaccuracy. 16 in Infants 34 in Mixed School present S. Boulter

21st Questioned Standards I & II in Arithmetic and took them in Reading and Recitation for a short time this morning.

22nd. Questioned the Infants in Arithmetic and heard them read.

Reminded the Scholars that the Diocesan Inspection would take place tomorrow, Wednesday the 23rd. inst., at 10 a.m., and announced that the School bell would be rung at 9.45 a.m.

23rd Diocesan Inspection.

Despatched Postage Account to the County

3. Dec. Accountant, also Form S.A.6. to the Director of Education.

School closed for Christmas Holidays, will reassemble 4th. January, 1915.

This is my last entry.

Hugh Leslie.

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n. 11th School re-assembled today instead of the 4th of January, as the Managers were unable to secure the services of a Head Teacher to reopen on that date.

I today took charge of this school on supply as Head Teacher pending the appointment of a Head Mistress.

John Hedley Jones and Dora Lottie Dean have left School having reached the age of exemption. Their names have been removed from the School Registers.

Posted advice of my commencement of duties in this school to the County Accountant

" 12th Registers, Ink Pds., Exercises K.G. Copies & Brush Drawing Books requisitioned.

" 13th Alfred Edwin Fielding is reported ill with Scarlet Fever. I have reported the case

returned [illegible] again.

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-15 to the School Medical Officer, and to the District Medical Officer of Health. Jan.

1-15 Physical Exercises have been given throughout this week by the assistant the Head Teacher being too unwell to undertake the exercise in the School Yard. "

Duplicate Register sent to the School Attendance Officer. Staff Return sent to the County Accountant.

-15 Infant scholar readmitted. Staying with relative for a short time.

1-15 Medical Log Book handed over to the Rector & Correspondent. 7.

Jan. School visited by the School Medical Inspector who examined certain cases mentioned in the Medical Log Book.

* The School Attendance Officer visited the school in the afternoon.

" List of Names, ages & Standards of girls eligible to attend the Classes for Domestic subjects sent to the Teacher of the Class about to commence in connection with this School.

* Schoolmasters son Hugh [illegible] killed in action
[illegible] 23 [illegible]

28. Examined & tested the Registers. Found all correct. 96 Infants Children were in the Infant & thirty in the Mixed departments

Sidney Bacon. Manager.

29th Received letter of instructions re Cookery Class from Mr. Corbett, also a letter from the Instructress, Miss Crowther that the apparatus &c. in connection with the class would arrive at the Wesleyan School, where the class is to be held, on Saturday morning 30-1-15. Information was given to the proper authorities to be prepared to receive the same.

Feb. 1st The Domestic Class commenced today at the Wesleyan School. Ten girls, all over 11 years, whose names were already on the Registers were sent up. Four girls over 14 years were readmitted to the day School for purposes of the class.

Class held 9 to 12 a.m., and 1-30 to 3-30 p.m.

The Head Teacher visited the Class at 1-30 p.m. The attendances for morning and afternoon sessions were supplied to the Head Teacher by the Instructress at the close of the day and at once entered on the

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School Register.

b. 2nd. As the formation of the Domestic Class has for the present removed the whole of the 1st Class, with the exception of one child, a boy, from the ordinary lessons of the Day School, Standards I & II are taken by the Head Teacher, and the Monitress is sent to relieve the assistant of the Babies' Class in the Infant Division.

3rd. One dozen each, exercises and pencils, and 1 packet of envelopes have been supplied to the Instructress of Domestic subjects for use in connection with the Class.

Lawrence Haines has left School for Agricultural employment. He was 13 years of age his last birthday.

His name has been removed from the School Registers.

4th. Received Circular No. 9, Schedule of Books, Stationery &c. to be supplied under Contract from 1st April 1911, to 31st March 1917, and the Director of Education's Report on Practical Work in Elementary Schools.

Feb. 8 Visited the School, & found every thing in good order, under Miss Smith's charge. Tested the registers & found no inaccuracies S. Boutter.

" 9th The Head Teacher was called home to Porton, Salisbury, at the weekend, in a case of emergency, and was unable to secure train service to enable him to return until late on Monday evening, the 8th inst.

Received the Medical Log Book which was deposited in the Head Teacher's desk.

Form 171 E was received at the same time also a Poster re Soldiers dependents, which as requested was put up in place of the copy of the previous issue printed in black.

Delivery Note received from Arnold & Son Ltd. Leeds.

" 10th Assistant absent. Infant class taken by the Monitress.

" 15th Form 171 E., and Delivery Note from Arnolds, Leeds, enclosed with monthly return of Teaching Staff and forwarded to the County Accountant.

Goods requisitioned Jan. 12th arrived today

Norah Dean and Walter Dean are absent ill and said to be suffering with sore throat and swollen glands.

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15th School visited by the Attendance Officer.

17th A number of children are absent owing to the rough weather. Some are away through sickness.

Three children of the same family, Annie Ford, Norah Dean and Walter Dean have been removed to the Infectious Hospital. Notice of the disease has not reached the Head Teacher.

18th Attendance again affected by the weather. Winifred Feltham complained of sore throat in the morning and was sent home.

The assistant is absent ill. Medically notified unfit for duty. Suffering from Pharyngitis.

The Infant Class was taken by the Monitress

2. Feb William Ellis and Ernest Ellis are stated by the mother to be ill with Scarlet Fever.

The District Medical Officer of Health and the School Medical Officer have both today been notified of those cases.

A heavy snowstorm prevented some of the children attending in the afternoon

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Feb. 23rd. Received notice from the Instructress of Domestic Subjects that the course at Poulshot would finish today at 3.30 P.M. and to expect the girls at school tomorrow morning.

The assistant Miss I. Smith is still absent. The Infants are taken by the monitress, the sliding doors between the two rooms being kept partly open.

Lydia Cowdry is reported absent from the Domestic Class. Sent notice to her mother requiring the reason.

" 24th School is closed till the 8th March 1915, on account of the prevalence of Scarlet Fever, by order of the County School Medical Officer.

March 8th Mr. Hugh Lefleur left the school. I commence duties in this school as Head Teacher. — Jane Wilson. School reopens after having been closed for Epidemic - Miss I. Smith returns to duty. Advice Cards sent to Accounts.

March 12th Duplicate Register sent to the Attendance Off. Attendance this week has been affected by Sickness.

March 15th School Visited by the Attendance Officer.

* retired again