Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1913-14

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1913.

3rd March School closed.

4th " School reassembled.

Commenced New Class Registers for Year ending Feb. 28th 1914.

Registers for the year ended Feb. 28th 1913, with Educational Forms, duly filled in, handed in to the Correspondent of the School Managers.

6th " Schemes of Work for the year 1913-1914 despatched to H.M. Inspector, Board of Education, Whitehall, S.W.

9th " Received Circulars 20 & 27 with other papers re Practical Work from the Director of Education.

The scheme for Practical Work sent from this school has been approved by the General Education Committee subject to more details being given, and the final approval of H.M. Inspector being received.

The School has been placed on the Committee's list of those devoting three afternoons, or the equivalent to

the work.

The proposals contained in the Scheme are to be set out on a new Time Table and submitted to H. M. Inspector in due course.

10th March. Received Medical Form with letters to parents of children whose condition requires Medical attention. Those letters have been forwarded to the parents.

This school will close for Easter Holidays at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 20th inst. and will reassemble on Monday, 31st inst. at 9 a.m.

12th " Standards I & II. went for outdoor lesson in Geography and Nature Study 3 p.m to 4 p.m.

13th " Received Circular No 31, Annual Return Forms and Duplicate Registers to be substituted for Forms S. A. I. from the County Offices.

Mrs. Cox of the Church Farm sent a letter saying that her children, Hilda and Eleanor Cox would not be returning to this School again, as they are removing from the Parish this month.

1913.

Tested the registers: found everything correct - forty-two in the Mixed, seventeen in the Infant Room. S. Butler.

Tested the work of Standards I. & II. A number of fresh scholars in a very backward condition has been added to Standard I since the last test. Upon the whole, the children have made very fair progress.

Mr. Tested the work of the Infant Class. The children are making satisfactory progress. One child has left in this class this week, the parents having gone abroad.

20th. Master absent on leave. Miss Grace Norma Leslie assisted.

School closed for Easter Holidays

31st. School re-assembled. One child admitted and one readmitted to the Infant Class.

Annual Return filled in and sent to the County Office Trowbridge.

April 1st. School visited by H. M. Inspector.

3rd. Five children named Golding have left this school, the family having left the Parish. Their names have been

removed from the Register.

The Attendance Officer visited the School.

April 4th The Infant Teacher, who has been feeling unwell during the week, was too ill to attend in the morning. She was, however, able to be present during the greater part of the afternoon.

Miss Margarette Jessie Flower has today resigned the post of Infant Teacher in this School.

7th William Ellis and Ernest Ellis are unable to attend School owing to the latter having Measles.

Admitted three fresh scholars, two in Standards and one Infant.

As no appointment has yet been made to the Infants, Miss I. Smith took the Infants and Standard I., the Head Teacher taking Standards II — VII: Miss. Smith took Infants and Needlework in the afternoon, half the sliding door between the two groups being left open.

" 9th Miss Myra Smith took charge of the Infant Class today. Notification of this is in readiness to Send the County Accountant.

1913.

Visited the school: checked the inventory of needlework & other materials. Also tested the registers, forty one present in mixed room. fourteen in Infants - where Miss Myra Smith has commenced teaching today

Sidney Boulter

th H.M.I. Mr. Purdie visited and inspected the school.

1st. School closed in the afternoon. Devizes - Spring Fair.

28th. Henry Haines has left school for agricultural work. His name has been removed from the school Registers.

Gladys Irene Gillett went home ill this morning before completing her attendance. Her attendance mark was cancelled.

29th. There is very much sickness among the children at present. Three more are absent today sick.

30th. Stock-taking of the remainder of the consumable, also of the non-consumable and fixed stock by the Rector.

1st. School closed in the afternoon for half holiday. Ascension Day.

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y 2nd. Miss Irene Smith is attending Holy Trinity School, Trowbridge, for a week or ten days, on the recommendation of H. M. I. Mr. Purdie.

Infants and Standard I were taken by the Infant Teacher, Miss Myra Smith, Standards II to VII. taken by the Head Teacher.

Distributed a number of disused books and Drawing Cards among the Scholars.

5th Needlework taken by the Infant Teacher.

6th Requisitions presented to the Correspondent 26th April, 1913 Returned from the County Office, Trowbridge for amendments. Fireguard for Infant Room, and Picture Charts disallowed.

Wrote to the Director for Form G. P. 2.

8th Fixed and Non-consumable Stock revised. Inventory Forms, Schedules I, II. & III handed over to the Rector.

9th Physical Exercises are being taken in the afternoons instead of mornings. Three lessons of 20 minutes each are taken instead of four lessons of 15 minutes each

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ay 9th Received Form G.P.2 from the Director.
School closed for Whitsuntide Holidays.

" 19th School re-assembled.
Admitted three fresh scholars, two in Standards and one to the Infant class. Two children, Albert Pearce and John Doe have left this school as they are removing from the Parish.
Miss Irene Smith is still attending Holy Trinity School, Trowbridge.
Standard I taken along with the Infants. Standards II to VII taken by the Head Teacher.
The Infant Teacher took the girls with Needlework.
Time Table for Standards sent to the Director of Education.

May 23.. Tested the Registers. 19 childn in the Infant room. 35 in the Mixed Room. during the absence of Miss Irene Smith. Notice received to day that Miss Irene Smiths appointment is approved by the Staff Committee. S. Boulter.

" 26th Removed the names of Frank Baldock and Marjory Baldock from the School Registers. They have left the Parish.

May 26th Admitted a fresh scholar to the Infant class.

Miss Irene Smith was present and in charge of her class. Standards I & II.

" 27th Ernest Bowden's name was removed from the Registers. He is gone from the Parish.

June 2nd Admitted two fresh scholars to the Infant Class.

" 4th Received Delivery Note from Messrs E.J. Arnold &c.

" 6th Steady and progressive work is being done in the Infant Class under Miss Myra Smith.

" 9th Goods requisitioned as per Delivery Note from Messrs E.J. Arnold & Son Ltd. arrived Today.

Miss Myra Smith is attending Urchfont C. of E. School for two weeks. Infants, Standard I & Needlework taken by Miss Irene Smith. Standards II — VII taken by the Head Teacher.

" 11th Received Time Table duly signed by the Director of Education and H.M. Inspector.

" 13th Received from Arnolds, Leeds 3 doz. true form Thimbles, and Delivery Notes.

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ce 17. Tested the Registers & found no maccuracy: present in mixed School twenty four boys & seventeen Girls; in Infants fourteen. S Boulter

18th Thomas G. White absent from School to attend the Examination at Trowbridge for Agricultural Scholarships.

20th Miss M. Smith has been attending Urchfont during the week. The Infants and Needlework have been taken by Miss I. Smith.

23rd Miss Myra Smith present and in charge of the Infant Class.

One infant admitted.

26th Received Tools and wood for Light Woodwork from the Manual Training Tool Co. Sheffield, with the exception of 1 doz. B.B. Saws (invoiced Iron Backed 8"); 25 ft Best Pine Boards, 8" to 10" wide x ¼" Planed; 11' Best Sel. Pine ¼" x 4"; 15 pieces Dowel Rods ½" x 3' to follow. Map Rack received

30th 3 Dual Desks for Infants, and 7 Dual Desks for Stds. I^a II ordered from the Contractors.

Filled in and returned the Form showing number & and sizes of discarded desks.

Notice from Managers that School

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June 30th. will close for the Summer Holidays on the 11th of July 1913. and re-assemble on the 20th August 1913.

July 1st. Commenced to the Boys Light Woodwork. As the new desks have not arrived yet, the old ones cannot be used up for benches. Part of a Platform was used to begin with.

Ellen Jones has left the Parish for a while on account of her health. She is attending school where she has gone. Her name has been removed from the School Register.

" 4th. Received reply letter from the Manual T.T. Co. re shortage of wood received from their firm. The matter is receiving their attention. Invoice of L.W. goods, with letter from the County Secretary received ~~Tho~~ also stamps with which to mark the L.W. tools.

" 7th. Received from the G.E.C. Wells County Council, per G.W. Railway, Needlework Demonstration Frame and Clamp.

" 8th. The assistant Medical Inspector, Dr. Murphy visited the School and examined children mentioned in the Medical Log Book.

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9. Examined & tested the Registers.. only one, an infant, absent.
Sidney Boutter..

10th. Tested the work of the Standards in Arithmetic and English. Fair progress has been made, considering that there has been an assistant short during four weeks of the term.

11th. Examined the Infant Class. Steady and sound work is being done in this class.

School closed till Wednesday the 20th of August, 1913, for Summer Holidays.

20th School re-assembled. Two fresh scholars have been admitted to the Infant Class.

Ellen Louisa Jones has returned to the Parish and has been re-admitted to this school.

Three new Dual Desks for Infants, and Seven for Standards I & II have been provided for the School. The tops of the discarded desks are being used as benches for Light Woodwork. The Fireguard in the Infant Room has been made

larger and made secure.

The improvements to the Boys' Offices suggested by H.M. Inspector have been carried out during the holidays.

The offices have also been whitewashed.

Aug. 25 Examined and tested the Registers. 38 were present in the Mixed, 16 in the Infant School. S. Boulter.

" 26th Lucy Dunford stated that she would not be coming to school again, today be her 14th birthday. Her name has been removed from the School Registers

Sept. 1st. Three Back-rails, with bolts and screws, to be fitted to the seats of the old desks in the Infant room, were received to-day from Wake and Dean, Yatton, Bristol.

" 11th Admitted a fresh scholar.

Steps are being taken to replace the blind which is badly worn in the large room.

" 17th Memory Drawing of objects presented to the boys for a short time, and then removed was taken.

The blind referred to above was

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today replaced.

19. The Revd. S. Brutter came in to test the Registers but found H.M. Subinspector engaged with the Children.

19th School visited and inspected by H.M. Subinspector, Mr. Norris.

26th The Arithmetic of Std. III. has been taken mainly on the Black Board, & orally this week.

29th Removed the names of Aldhelm Frederic and Olive Tinker from the School Registers.

They are withdrawn from this school owing to the removal of the family from the Parish.

30th Admitted two scholars, one 1st. Std. and one infant.

2nd. Received Delivery Note from Wake & Dean, Yatton, Bristol, dated Aug. 22, 1913, re Back-rails, bolts & screws for infant desks, see entry, Sept. 1st, 1913.

The Delivery Note was handed to the Correspondent, who is inquiring re means of attaching the rails to the desks.

3.1913 Examined & tested the Registers. Found no inaccuracy. Sixty-seven children present in mixed room, & Seventeen in the Infant room

Sidney Boulter.

8th The castings for fitting Back-rails to the three infant desks arrived today.

Received the Weighing Machine from Potterne School.

9th Asked the scholars to send in their names at once, if any wished to be examined in November for Labour Certificates.

10th "Weighing Day". All the children were weighed and measured except one girl, Alice V. Newman, who was absent sick.

14th Finished Weighing & Measuring.

20th School closed in the afternoon, — Devizes Fair.

22nd Memory Drawing.

27th Alice V. Newman's Parents have applied for her to be examined for the Labour Certificate.

The Director has been informed of

the same forthwith.

Oct. Ronald Bowden was sent home this morning, as his face is in a very bad condition with sores.

" Received a letter from the Director of Education, stating that arrangements have been made for Alice V. Newman to be examined at the Devizes Town Boys' School on Wednesday the 5th Nov. next, at 10.15 a.m.

I have notified the parents of the girl also the Head Master of the Devizes Town Boys School, of the same.

Nov. Weighing Machine sent by Charles Jones to Worton C. of E. School.

Admitted a fresh scholar to the Infant Class.

" Alice V. Newman absent to attend Examination for Labour Certificate at the Town Boys' School, Devizes.

Tested the Registers, eighteen present in infant room. Thirty-eight in mixed room. S. Boulter

The three desks of old pattern in the Infant Class have now been fitted with back-rests, as recommended by H.M. Inspector, G.R. Purdie, Esq.

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v. 17th Vice Checks are being fitted to the benches for Light Woodwork.

18th Received Form 63 E. Proficiency Schedule. Alice V. Newman has failed to pass in Standard VI for Certificate of Proficiency.

25th Miss Irene Smith was too ill to attend school this afternoon. Her class and the Needlework were taken by the Infant Teacher.

c. 1st School visited by the attendance Officer.

5th The attendance in the Infant Class has been low this week, partly owing to the heavy rains. There are a few cases of sickness, both in the standards and among the Infants.

8th Notice, that this School will be inspected in Religious Knowledge by the Diocesan Inspector, on Monday the 22nd. Dec., 1913. at 10 a.m., was put up, and read out to the children this morning.

Dec 8 Called the Roll. & tested the Registers. 17 Infants 37 present. entered from S. Bentley.

" 12 Lesson on Fire in School.

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15th " School visited by the Attendance Officer.

This School will close on the 24th Dec. 1913 at noon, for the Christmas Holidays, and will re-assemble on Monday the 12th Jan. 1914.

16th " The Light Woodwork benches are now completed.

19th " Tested Standards I & II in their Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.

Reminded the children that the Diocesan Inspection will take place on Monday at 10 a.m.

22nd. Diocesan Inspection. All the the children were present except one boy, who is sick.

23rd. Received Diocesan Report on the Inspection.

Examined the elder children in the Infant Class.

24th " Closed School for Christmas Holidays.

12th " School re-assembled. 39 elder children present at each attendance 13 infants present in the morning and

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12th 14 present in the afternoon.
Most of the absentees, infants were cases of sickness
Received notice that the School Medical Inspector will visit this School on Thursday, 15th Jan. 1914, at about 2 p.m. for purposes of Medical Inspection.
Circular No. 1, with Circ. G.E.C. 4-6-1913 re Registration received, also plan of Gradation for Drawing Course and Scheme for Reading adopted by the G.E.C.
The Circ. re Registration has been placed in the admission register as instructed on Circ. 1.
15th The School was visited this afternoon by the School Medical Inspector for the purposes of Medical Inspection according to notice.
16th Infant attendance low owing to sickness. Average for the week only 12. Number on the register 20.
20th Infant Teacher absent ill. The Infant class was taken by Miss Irene Smith,

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the teacher of Standards I & II.

23rd The Infant Teacher is still absent sick. Several children are absent sick. Average for the week, Standards, 35.3; Infants, 11.5.

26th Received Medical Certificate stating that Miss Myra Smith, the Infant Teacher is suffering from Influenza and Catarrh and is unable to attend School. The Infants are being taken by the teacher of Standards I & II.

Two children, one Standard I & one Infant have left, having removed from the Parish.

Admitted one child to the Infant Class.

Only 41 Children present today owing to sickness

29 Tested the Registers. Thirty five Children in the mixed eleven in the Infant rooms. Some children and one teacher absent from Sickness. S. Boulter

30th At the morning's marking of registers, the Mark for "absent sick" was accidentally plaied opposite the wrong name, and in the wrong column, in the III. Class Infant Register

Temporarily
by the teacher in charge. (See note of
reference in red at the foot of the register.
Jan. 30th . Average for the week very low owing
to sickness. Standards 35.1, Infants 10.2.
Feb. 2nd Miss Myra Smith has returned to school.
Notice of her return, along with medical
certificate, is being sent with this
evening's post to the County Accountant.
" 6th Attendance for the week much
improved. Average, Standards 35.8
Infants 16.6.
" 13th The average continues to improve
although there are still some cases
of sickness, mostly among the
Infants. Winifred Bevan is at
Bristol, where she been for some
weeks ill with Scarlet Fever.
Received Medical Record Cards
of the children who were medically
inspected on the 15th January from
the County Office.
" 16th Requisitions for school materials
handed in to the School Correspondent.
" 20th The attendance continues to improve

1914.

th Feb. Garments, and other articles completed in the Needlework lesson, are being sold, mostly to the parents of the scholars.

rd " Received Circular No 11/1914 from the County Offices along with Form 171E. and a copy of the Supplementary Reading-Book List for the Reading Scheme 1914.

A hedgehog was brought to school this afternoon by one of the girls. It was used as a model in the Drawing Lesson by the boys, and later formed the subject in the lesson on Nature Study.

Winifred Bevan is returned to school.

th " Admitted a scholar, who is on a visit to the parish for a week or two, to the Infant Class.

26 Tested the Registers, found no inaccuracy. Eighteen in the Infant, fourteen boys & twenty three girls present T Banks

th Feb. Received Board of Education Return Forms from the Rector.

d March Requested children whose parents