

LOG
BOOK



1930 duty here today.

Sep. 29 Miss Cotter commenced duty here this morning in Miss Jones' place.

Staff Meeting to discuss one or two points of discipline.

Oct. 3 Miss Cotter ended her temporary engagement this afternoon.

6 Miss Jones returned to duty this morning.

7 Lecture on kindness to animals given by Mrs Forbes at 3 p.m.

10 School closed for Autumn Holiday.

20 School re-opened.

24 School closed to allow the School Choirs and Folk Dance Teams to compete at Blackpool Musical Festival. The Village Choir won 2nd Prize, being only two marks behind the 1st Prize Winner. The Junior Dance Team gained a 2nd Class Certificate in a Class where the marking was very stiff.

30-31 Headmaster absent from School - attending a County Course on Geography at St Annes.

Nov. 3 Visited by H.M.I.s., Mr Morris and Mr Phillips

1930

- Nov. 24. Miss Oswell absent through sickness
- Dec 1st Miss Oswell returned to duty.
- 2nd The first Annual Prize Distribution was held in St. Cuthbert's Hall. Over 300 parents & friends were present. Twenty five valuable prizes were awarded and were presented by Mrs Hather, the Rector being in the Chairman
- Dec. 15 Miss Joan Halsall absent - colitis.
- 19 School closed at noon.
- Jan 5 School reopened. Miss Halsall returned to duty.
A new Time Table is being tried : by this each teacher takes own class for Maths, and so Miss Gregson is released to take all own English.
- 9 No domestic taken this week, the appointment of Domestic Mistress not having been made.
- 15 Miss Wilkinson commenced temporary duty as D.S. Mistress.
- 19 Visited by Mr Dowse - re age of admission into Central Dept.
- 20 Visited by Miss Horrocks, Mr Burdess, & another

1931

to inspect potato machine - Next 2 items are on p. 385

Feb 4 Visited by Mr Salisbury, Headmaster of Wesleyan School, Skegnessdale, who spent the whole day observing our methods.

Also visited by Mr Steer, Horticultural expert.

Mr Steer spent the morning here, and gave much valuable advice on greenhouse management.

13 Visited by Miss H. J. Travis of Pilling C. E. School.

25 Visited by Mr Douse & Miss Howman with reference to P.T. of Domestic teacher.

Closed for two days.

Re-opened.

Miss Halsall absent through illness.

Mrs Asquith commenced temporary duty this morning, & ³rd Miss Robertson started duty.

6 Closed for County Council Election.

12 Miss Howman spent the day observing dining arrangements.

13 Mrs Asquith finished duty today

- 1931
- Mar. 16 Miss Halsall returned to duty.
- 17 Rev. Canon Hicks of Lincoln Cathedral addressed the children this morning.
- 25 Miss D. Jones absent. — Scarlet Fever in the Home.
- Apr 1 Mrs Lund commenced temporary duty.
- Miss Jones returned to duty; Mrs Lund finished on the previous day.
- 2 School closed at noon for Easter Vacation.
- 13 School re-opened.
- The attention of the Staff was drawn to the importance of careful registration.
- 21 Staff meeting to urge full use to be made of examinations.
- 24 Over 600 eggs were brought to school for the Southport Infirmary.
- May 4 Mr Herbert called to discuss Miss Robertson's holidays etc. Poor quality of roots supplied by Slingers pointed out to him.
- 13 Staff meeting to discuss proposed Open-Day and School Picnic.
- Ascension Day. — Children attended church from 9 am till 9.40 am.

1931

- Jan 20. To see dining arrangements.
 Miss Horan discussed utilisation of
 an extra day per fortnight to be given
 by Domestic Mistress.
- 21 Visited by County Architects re
 decorations. Should be entered on p363
- Feb 4
- May 16 H. M. L's Mr Richardson & Mr Morris
 called to discuss staffing
- 19 Staff meeting (Seniors dept) to discuss
 points to be raised with Heads of contributory
 schools.
- " 22 School closed at noon. for Whist Holidays
- " 27 School re-opened
- June 2 Senior Staff meeting to discuss books for
 English.
- 16 The Scripture Exam held in the morning
 Holiday in the afternoon.
- 23 About 70 children of the Central Dept.
 at 10.15 am proceeded on a School
 journey to Windermere, equipped with
 maps and notes; lessons having been
 taken previously

1931

- June 29 Staff Meeting to discuss Exam.
 Time Table, Speech, Spoken Grammar
 Use of Newspapers, Pride in
 Appearance & Movement of Children.
- 30 Examinations commenced; special
 time-table substituted.
- July 7 Staff meeting to consider use of new
 Record Books, & to arrange details for Open Day
- 8 Central Staff meeting to discuss
 revision of schemes of work.
- 9 Meeting of Needlework Mistresses to
 discuss new Needlework Scheme.
- 13 Discussion on revision of schemes of work
 continued.
- 14 Visited by the Senior Lecturer in Education
 at Manchester University.
- 15 Our first Open Day for parents was
 held, almost a hundred parents availed
 themselves of the opportunity of
 seeing the work of the school and
 discussing their children with the staff.
- 17 School closed for Vacation.

1931

- Aug 17th School re-opened.
Electric installation, interior decorations,
and concrete playground completed during
the holidays.
- 20th Mr Silversides, Sec. for Elem. Education, called
to secure numbers in various classes.
- Sep. 1st Mr Patterson commenced duty here (three
days per week) - Specialist in Woodwork.
A new time table is being tried out.
The senior class of 59 is to be split
up as much as possible.
More time to be devoted to Poultry
Craft and Bee-keeping and
- 15th Miss D. Ellison granted leave of absence for
the afternoon to attend an interview.
- Oct Sep. 29 Miss D. Ellison granted leave of absence for
the afternoon to attend an interview.
- Oct. 9 School closed for the Autumn Vacation.
- 19 School re-opened
- 23 Entered two choirs - Village Class &
Junior Class - and two dancing teams -
Junior & Senior in English Folk

1931

Dancing Class.

Village Choir secured 2nd Prize 82%

Junior - " 83% marks.

Junior Dance Team 78% 2nd Class Best.

Senior - " 74% 2nd -

Many parents accompanied the competing choirs and teams.

- Oct. 27. School closed for Polling purposes.
- Nov. 3 Miss K.L. Oswell absent - severe chill.
- 6 Mrs Askwith took up temporary duty
- Miss K.L.Oswell returned to duty.
- Staff Meeting re discriminate use of "Playtime"
- 16 Staff meeting to receive views on the teaching Headmaster's
of Composition
- Dec 1 Mr Patterson absent owing to severe cold: returned to go to Staff Meeting to discuss final arrangements for Prize Distribution.
- 4 Half holiday in the afternoon.
- Prize Distribution (2nd Annual) held in St Cuthbert's Hall at night. Lady Lethbridge presented the Prizes, Certificates, and Ribbons.
- Dec. 23 School closed

1932.

- Jan 11 School re-opened.
- 16 Visited by Sergeant-Major Wright, who inspected four classes.
- Feb. 10 Attended church from 9 to 9.45 a.m (Ash Wednesday).
- 15 Staff meeting (Seniors) to discuss revision of Arithmetic Scheme.
- 22 Commenced half yearly examination, which continued until Wednesday - 24th.
- Mar. 1 Miss Jones absent from duty
- Mrs Asquith commenced temporary duty
- 4 Mrs Asquith finished duty today.
- 7 Miss Jones returned to duty this morning
- 24 Closed at noon for Easter Vacation.
- April 4 Re-opened.
- 12 Raised £18 for a Duplicator (Roneo), a typewriter, and Sports Apparatus, by means of a Whist Drive & Dance in St. Cuthbert's Hall. Collection of Eggs for Southport Infirmary amounted to 676 eggs.
- 27 Miss Robertson absent through death of her father.

1932

- April 29 Staff meeting - decided to attach a House Master or Mistress to each House to encourage & and ~~users~~ guide the House Captains.
- May 2 Staff meeting (Central) - to discuss further the Organisation of Games.
- " 12 Miss Harrison, H.D.T.I., visited Miss Robertson, who subsequently received recognition.
- " 13 School closed for two days.
- " 18 School re-opened.
- " 18 Miss Jones absent - attended brother's wedding.
- June 10 Visited by Mr Herbert - County Organises - to talk about Royal Lanes Show.
- " 11 Entered a team of boys in Inter-Schools Relay Race - Seaford Police Sports.
Boys won their Heat, but were defeated in the final.
- 14 Scripture Exam. - School closed.
- 16 Miss Falsall absent - brother's wedding.
- 17 Staff meeting to discuss revision of Curriculum.
- 20 Staff meeting to make arrangements for Annual School Journey.

1932

June 24

School closed - School Journey to
Llandudno. Seventy children, with
maps and notes, left Halsall at 8.30 am,
returning about 10 p.m. after a glorious
day.

July 8

Second Open Day held : about 100
parents visited the school.

15

School closed for Summer Holiday.
Exhibits of Rabbits, Bees in
Observation Hive. Embryo Chicks &c.
and old brick Sundial were sent
to the Royal Lanes Show at Preston.

Aug 15

School reopened.

Sixty-two children in Senior Class.
Too many boys & girls to take 8 Special
Subjects as at present arranged, so have
applied for Wood work Master's appointment
to be made whole time -

23

29

6

Visited by H.M.I. Mr Harding
Miss E.C. Gregson absent - cold - 2 days & Mr Sisk with temporary duty
Miss Robertson absent - cold. (absent 2 days)

Mr J.S. Sisk commenced temporary duty
in place of Mr W.H. Patterson who left
yesterday.

Oct. 6
Sept. 1st

1932

- Oct. 7 Mr J. S. Sisk terminated temporary duty here.
 Mrs Forbes delivered B/Hy Lecture.
 School closed for Autumn Holiday.
- 17 School re-opened - Mr W. J. Ashton commenced temporary duty as Wood work specialist.
- 28 School closed - two chairs and three Folle Dance Teams competing at Blackpool Musical Festival.
 The Dance Teams each gained a 1st Class Certificate. Mr Phillips H.T.Y.I called for employment particulars.
- 31 Mr W. J. Ashton finished temporary duty here to day
- Nov 1 Mr Allan Nelson (C) commenced part-time duty (3dys per week) here to-day - specialist in Handicraft. P 32/1406
- 14 Miss Ellison absent - gastric influenza
- 16 ~ Oswell ~ - wrenched muscle in heel.
- 17 Miss Ellison returned to duty { Mrs Asg with temporary duty on 17th & 18th
- 21 ~ Oswell ~ ~ ~
- Staff meeting to discuss arrangements for Prize Distribution.
- Dec. 1 Staff meeting - final arrangements for Prize Distribution

1932.

- Dec. 2. Third Annual Prize Distribution - held in St Cuthbert's Hall .
5. Started Terminal Exams
6. Continued - - -
7. Finished - - -
9. Staff Meeting - discussion on Record Books, and Examination revelations
- .. 12 Staff Meeting - work out details of Breaking-up Party .
- 15 Visited by Miss Oldfield - County Organises .
- 19 Miss D. Jones absent from duty .
- 20 - - - returned to -
- 22 The Children had a Xmas Party until about 7 p.m .
- 23 School closed at noon for Xmas Holidays

1933

- Jan. 9 School re-opened .
- 11 Visited Heads of contributory schools .
- 13 Held a meeting of Heads of contributory schools and Central Staff in the Study after School to discuss points which have arisen and tried to secure more thorough

1933

- Jan. 17 Absent from school for half an hour to attend wedding of manager's daughter.
- 18 Collection of eggs, fruit, &c for the Cottage Hospital.
- 26 Attendance very poor -
Miss E. G. Gregson absent - Cold.
Miss Harrison, H.M.I., called to see Miss Robertson
- 27 Absent myself - severe cold.
- 30 Returned to duty. Miss Ellison & Miss Halsall both absent.
Dr Marsden came in and finding attendance just under 50% closed the school until Feb 6th.
- Feb. 6 School re-opened, all staff present.
Attendance 60% approx.
- 7/3 Visited by Mr Cruikshank, Organiser, in connection with exhibits for Royal Lanes. Show at Salford.
- 14 Visited by Mr Evans, woodwork instructor at Ormskirk.
- 9/8 Mr Morris lost his voice, and full of cold, so I sent him home: returned on 13th
- 22 Mr Morris absent - interview at Bristol. Offered post & accepted it. Handled in

1933

- resignation to take effect on March 31st.
- March 1st Miss Oldfield, County Organiser, paid a visit to Miss Robertson.
- 10th Staff meeting — a disciplinary talk.
- 17th Visited by H.M.I.s Mr Morris and Miss Adams in connection with our development of "Rural" mathematics.
- 21st H.M.I. Mr Morris called in to learn about our application for a copy of his last Report.
- 27th A Midday Class has been formed & is taken by Miss Jones & Bentop at noon.
- 31 Mr P.B. Morris, Science Master, left to take up duty in Bristol. Apr. 3. Miss Brindle B.A. commenced duty.
- April 12th School closed for Easter Holidays.
- 24 School re-opened.
- Miss Ellison took up the duty of co-ordinating the work in the Juniors School. This necessitated some slight changes in the Time-table.
- 26 After much thought and conference with part of staff, a scheme has been worked out provisionally for the application of mathematics to our Rural & Special Subjects.
- 28 Miss P.M. Robertson, D.S. mistress finished duty here today to commence at Flixton on Monday. Miss Brindle finished temporary duty to-day.

During the last few weeks endeavour has been made to secure an exchange of weather records from other districts.

May 1st

Mr R. Gaskell commenced duty this morning - Staff meeting re this year's School Journey Visited by Mr Phillips, H.M.I. at 1.45 p.m. He came to see Mr Ashton, who was with us three weeks only during last October. He spent about $\frac{3}{4}$ hour with Mr Nelson and the Wood work Class, subsequently discussing this work with me.

3rd Miss Winstanley took up duty with Ceramics Class - but for one day only.

31st Mrs Price commenced temporary duty with Domestic Class.

June 2nd

Closed for two days - Whitsuntide Holiday Re-opened School.

7 Visited by Mr Steer, Horticultural Organiser, who expressed satisfaction with work done.

14 Scripture Exam. - School closed.

16 School Journey to Liverpool & Port Sunlight, visiting a liner, the Soap Works, the Cathedral, and the Zoo. School closed.

1933

- June 19 School re-opened. Miss Jones absent owing to septic throat.
- 20 Miss E. Brindle commenced temporary duty ^{engagement}
- July 5 Started exams. June 30. Mrs Price terminated her ^{engagement}
miss ~~Johnson~~ Johnson commenced duty as Domestic Mistress
- 7 Miss Brindle finished duty here today
- 10 Miss Jones returned to duty.
- 12 Open Day. Many people visited the school.
- 14 School closed for Summer Holidays
- Aug 14 School re-opened
- Sep. 26 Miss Harrison and Mr Phillips ^{H.M.D.} called about present use of Dining Hall for Cookery, and investigated proposal for adapting the House for Domestic Work.
- Oct. 6 Closed for Autumn Holiday.
- 16 Re-opened.
- 19 Visited by Mr Dosee, Organiser, to ascertain distance certain children have to travel.
- 20 Four Students from Edge Hill Training College started three weeks Practice.
- 26 Visited by Miss Oldfield - discussed alterations to House for Cookery etc.
- 27 Closed. School competed at Blackpool.

1933

Musical Festival - Country Dance Section.
 Juniors Team secured 1st Class Certificate
 with 88 marks : Seniors Team a 2nd
 Class Certificate with 79 marks.

- Dec. 15 Fourth Annual Prize Distribution held in St. Cuthbert's Hall. Senior children produced a Nativity Play. The Finding of the King.
 Started Terminal Exam.
- 18 Xmas party for Central School.
- 20 " " - Juniors "
- 21 " " - Juniors "
- 22 School closed at noon for Christmas Holidays.
- Jan 8 School re-opened.
- Staff meeting : necessity for careful registration emphasised.
- Feb. 14. Ash Wednesday - attended Church from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.
- Time Table slightly altered on account of Demonstration of Dressing & Trussing of Poultry by Mr. Dobbin of the County Farm.
- Miss Oswell absent - chill.
- 19 Miss Oswell returned to duty.
- March 12 Miss W. Ellison absent from duty - chill

1934

- Mrs Askwith arrived before noon to do supply duty.
- March 13 Mrs Askwith finished supply duty.
- " 14 Miss Ellison returned to duty.
- " 26 School closed for Local Government Election.
- " 27 Mr A. Nelson absent - chill.
- " 29 School closed at noon for Easter Holidays.
- April 9 School re-opened.
- Mr Nelson returned to duty.
- 12 Visited by Mr Phillips H.M.I. who stayed a little over an hour.
- May 1st Visited by Mr Henderson - Organiser of Arts & Crafts. - who expressed appreciation of work done by children.
- 4 School Journey to Edinburgh. Glorious day.
- 16 School closed for Whitsuntide.
- 23 School re-opened.
- June 8 Scripture Exam in morning, school closed in afternoon.
- 9 Entered Boys' Team & Girls' Team in Relay Race at Police Sports at Litherland. Boys tied for 2nd Place &

- June 18 received Silver medals : Girls' Team secured 1st place & gold medals.
 In 100 yds (Girls) J. Lloyd won 1st Prize & Joan Gradwell 2nd.
 Preliminary Heats of Annual Sports run off during the afternoon.
- 23 Rose Queen Festival & Annual Sports.
 Segrave House again won the Silver Shield for highest number of points in all sports : Racing 56, Football 14, Rounders 18, making a total of 88 points. In addition Segrave won the Tug-o-war Shield with a remarkably small team. The Relay Shield was again won by Drake House. In all branches the competition was very keen.
- Victor Ludorum won by John Ball
 Victoria Joan Gradwell.
- 24 Miss Halsall fainted about 9.45 a.m., so I took her home in car. ^{She} Returned on Monday
- July 9th Miss Oswell absent through sickness
- 10 Miss Oswell returned to duty
- 18 Held our Fourth Annual Open Day: a large number of parents availed themselves of opportunity of seeing some of the work of the School & of talking with the teachers.
- 19 School closed for Midsummer Holiday.

THE DIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL.

SUGGESTIONS TO THE HEAD TEACHER

arising out of the visit of the Director of Religious Education.

HALSALL SENIOR SCHOOL.

May I ask for your consideration of the following :-

1. The choice of suitable passages for repetition. There are some classic pieces in both Old and New Testaments, the remembrance of which provides spiritual strength.
2. There is much to be said for written work e.g. Narratives from the Bible - extracts from the Catechism. I believe strongly that the exact wording of our Catechism, when taught with simple explanations, is of inestimable value. I would suggest that the senior children are encouraged to commit the whole of the Catechism to memory

Kind regards
P. Donegan
B.A.

June 1934.

THE DIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL.

SUGGESTIONS TO THE HEAD TEACHER

arising out of the visit of the Director of Religious Education.

HALSALL SCHOOL. Juniors.

June 1934.

Would you consider the addition to your Opening Service for the younger children of :-

1. A daily Bible Reading - by one of the scholars. Just a few verses will, I am sure, be found helpful.

2. Some Prayers relating to daily life.

e.g. For Parents, relatives and friends

For our Country, our Homes, our School and Church

There are several small books published containing suitable Prayers for children of all ages. You will probably be familiar with them; but if not I shall be only too happy to make a suggestion.

Kind regards
Dion Gribbs

Inspection of Schools in Religious Knowledge

LIVERPOOL,

June 12th 1934

DEAR SIR,

I beg leave to send you the Report on the Inspection of your School, which is also submitted to the Bishop.

I am dear Sir,

*To the Revd**E. Mather MA.*

Yours faithfully,

A. J. Voice Gibbs

HALSALL SCHOOL.

JUNE 8th. 1934.

Children on Roll :- 252. Present :- 210.

There was a separate Opening Service for the two Junior Groups. Following a Hymn, the children joined in The LORD'S Prayer : they were attentive and reverent.

GROUP 1. 48 of the youngest scholars. Excellent teaching had been given on the Life of our LORD, and on incidents in the life-stories of Moses, Samuel and (in fuller detail) of Joseph. Texts of Holy Scripture relating to the Bible narratives had been learnt. I was very pleased to find that some of the children were able to re-tell the Bible stories in their own words. Good foundations in Religious knowledge are well laid.

GROUP 3. 48 children. The children made an excellent response to questions in each part of their syllabus. A number of the Parables and Miracles of our LORD had been carefully taught : and the application of the Message to daily life had been emphasised. Old Testament lessons covered the Book of Genesis and Exodus (chapters 1 to 15). The children knew their work well. The first part of the Catechism - The Baptismal Covenant - had been learnt and explanations were readily given. I was very happy about the tone and about the results of the teaching of this group.

SENIORS.

The Opening Service consisted of Hymn, The 23rd Psalm (very beautifully sung) The Apostles' Creed and Prayers. The scholars shared reverently in this Act of Worship.

GROUP 2. 59 Children. The New Testament lessons were based on The Gospel according to St. Mark, and I was pleased with the way in which the scholars

connected together the Bible Teaching and that of the Catechism, as e.g. when we talked about The Doctrine of the Holy Trinity. A study had been made of the Life and work of Moses - from his Call at the Burning Bush up to the time of the Giving of the Law. There was a real interest shewn in the work throughout - a testimony to the thoroughness of the teaching.

GROUP 1. 55 of the Seniors. Following a series of lessons on the Gospel Story, there has been some good work done in the study of The Acts of the Apostles. Here again we were able to relate the Bible and Catechism teaching, especially as seen in Holy Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. I was encouraged to find that already a number of these senior children have been confirmed. A pleasing feature of the syllabus was the inclusion of lessons on the History of the Church, from earliest times to modern Missionary effort. Very effective work has been accomplished on a varied syllabus - we should be encouraged to look for permanent results.

Muriel Gibbs