

Hampreston Church of England School

Log Book Extracts 1914 to 1944

1914

June 1914

8th – Re-assembled after Whitsun holiday.

134 present. Mrs H. King is to continue as a “supply” teacher till the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Shane is filled.

12 th – On books,	over five 167	Average 124
	Under five 4	Average 4

15th – School garden visited by Mr Walch, H.M.I. (Her Majesty’s Inspector), this afternoon.

16th – Gardening was taken today instead of on Thursday in order that the boys might finish “staking peas”.

19 th – On books,	over five 168	Average 128.9
	Under five 7	Average 6.7

Received notice of Scripture exam today. It has been arranged for the 14th July 1914.

26 th – On books,	over five 168	Average 127.7
	Under five 7	Average 6.2

Class II was taken for a nature study ramble this afternoon, to study plant growth and note some insect pests. 2.45 – 3.10 pm.

29th – Visited the school and examined the registers.
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July 1914

2nd – Gardening was taken this afternoon from 2.45 to 3.45 instead of 1.30 to 3.30.

3rd – A wet day, only 71 children present in the morning and 76 in the afternoon.

Numbers on books,	over five 167	Average 106.6
	Under five 7	Average 5.4

8th – Scouts fête at Ferndown this afternoon. Very small attendance in consequence.

10th – Numbers on books Over five 164 Average 116.8
 Under five 7 Average 6.4

Copy of report made by H.M.I Mr H.W Irvine on Gardening class :

- 1. This new gardening class has acquired for its garden a 30 rod plot in the corner of a ploughed field, some six minutes walk from the school. The single plot system has been adopted and the land has been suitably laid out for this purpose.**
- 2. Considering that the garden was not taken in hand until the beginning of April, and that the mechanical condition of the soil renders it almost unworkable in wet weather, a good start has been made ; and under the circumstances, the boys plots are in very fair order.**
- 3. The master appears to recognise the possibilities and opportunities of gardening as a school subject.**
- 4. It is suggested that :**
 - a. A scheme should be drawn up to show how the gardening lessons are to be associated with the ordinary subjects.**
 - b. A syllabus of practical instruction should also be prepared.**
 - c. In addition to the note books supplied by the Authority, each boy should keep a larger exercise book in which he should write freely and at length about what he sees and does in the garden.**
 - d. The boys should cultivate their plots from a cropping plan which should be drawn to scale in the space provided in the note books.**
 - e. Cropping plans should be preserved from year to year for reference.**
 - f. A demonstration plot should be cultivated by the master. Teaching and the effective correction of faults are important in garden practice, as in all manual training.**
- 5. 13th – Medical inspection. Infants were taught in the classroom in 1st Std desks as the infant room was wanted.**

14th – Scripture examination by Rev. A. Freer, 10.00 am. A day's holiday was given. Longham Chapel Sunday School outing and Hampreston Church Choir and Officer's outing to Weymouth.

17th – **Copy of Scripture report**

Real pains have been taken by the teachers in this school with the religious instruction. The written work was good throughout and the singing of the elder children excellent. The infants answered well on Holy Scripture but only a few seemed to have clear ideas about the Christian

Seasons. Standards I and II answered specially well on "Truthfulness" and knew their portions of Old and New Testament. They are however weak in catechism, especially on the meaning of the words used. Stds III and IV answered very creditably. Stds V-VII have made marked progress and answered well in every subject. Their repetition of the Church Catechism however is still uncertain.

The tone and discipline of the school are excellent.

Arthur SB Freer, R.D Inspector

17th – On books, over five 164 Average 128
 Under five 7 Average 5.7

22nd – A half holiday was given this afternoon as there was a fête held at Longham at which there were children's sports.

23rd – Two Sunday School outings today in connection with the Ferndown chapels. 107 present.

On books, over five 164 Average 1178
 Under five 7 Average 5.1

Term examination completed today.

27th – William Vincent, a pupil of Wimborne Grammar School and a former pupil of this school, having gained a Teaching Bursary (4th on county list) was sent to this school for 3 days in order that it might be ascertained whether or not he was likely to be suitable.

29th – Broke up today for the Summer holidays to re-assemble on the 31st August. The vacancy caused by Miss Shawes' resignation on 30th April has not yet been filled and Mrs H. King (S) is still "on supply". The rector visited and tested the registers. Miss Camburn was absent with leave this afternoon to attend the wedding of Miss Sutton at Longham.

On books, over five 164 Average 108
 under five 7 Average 5.5

31st – Reopened school after summer holiday. 132 present. Only 4 children were admitted from Ferndown Infant School.

September 1914

3rd – Owing to the heat, Gardening was taken from 3 to 4 pm instead of 1.30 to 3.30.

4th - On books, over five 167 Average 128
 under five 7 Average 5.8

10th – Owing to the wet weather, it was impossible to take gardening this afternoon.

11th - On books, over five 171 Average
 under five 7 = 137.9

A wet day, only 42 present in the morning and 60 in the afternoon. Registers were not marked.

17th – A very wet and stormy day. 35 children present in morning and 65 in afternoon. Registers were not marked owing to the very small attendance.

18th - On books, over five 173 Average
 under five 6 = 143.6

25th - On books, over five 172 Average
 under five 6 = 141.6

October 1914

2nd - On books, over five 168 Average
 under five 4 = 139.5

5th – W. Couch Esq. H.M.I paid a visit of inspection this morning.

9th – Mrs King who has been acting as a “supply” teacher since Miss Shawe left (30th April) left today. Miss Seaward will commence duties on Monday the 12th.

On books, over five 166 Average
 under five 3 = 138.8

12th – Miss Seaward V.C. commenced duties today and took charge of Class III.

15th – Owing to the rain the attendance was so small that the meeting was abandoned.

16th - On books, over five 165 Average
 under five 3 = 123.8

22nd – Visited the school and examined the registers in which the attendances were correctly matched.

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Small attendance today. 107 present owing to the wet weather.

23rd - On books, over five 165 Average
 under five 3 = 130.4

30th – Very wet. 66 present in morning and 67 in the afternoon.

On books, over five 165 Average
 under five 3 = 121.5

November 1914

5th – A very wet morning. Owing to an exceptionally heavy shower at a quarter to nine, twenty children arrived wet through ; these were sent home. 71 children remained.

Registers were marked. No gardening taken.

6th – Another wet morning. Only 75 children arrived, 4 were wet through and sent home.

On books, over five 165 Average
 under five 3 = 103.7

11th – Gardening was taken this afternoon as it was too wet last week for more than one lesson.

13th - On books, over five 160 Average
 under five 3 = 131.5

20th - On books, over five 158 Average
 under five 3 = 126.7

26th – Owing to the very wet state of the grounds, it was impossible to do any practical work in the gardens this afternoon, so a lesson was given to the gardening scholars on the composition of soils.

27th - On books, over five 156 Average
 under five 3 = 121

A number of children have been away suffering from coughs and colds.

30th – A very wet and stormy morning. Only 38 children arrived, two of whom were so wet in body and feet that they were at once sent home again. The remainder were kept in school but registers were not marked. 30 children present in the afternoon.

December 1914

2nd – About 1200 of Kitcheners Army have been quartered in Ferndown and district today.

4th – Many of the elder girls are absent as they are wanted at home to help their mothers who have soldiers billeted in their houses. Miss Sellers has been absent from school this week as she is suffering from an attack of influenza. A certificate

was sent by Dr Budd of Kinson this morning, certifying her as unfit to attend her duties.

A very wet and stormy week has caused the attendance to drop considerably.

On books, over five 153 Average 104.8
 under five 3 Average 2

11th – Owing to the rain and the very wet state of the ground, it has been impossible to do anything in the gardens this week.

On books, over five 159 Average
 under five 3 = 108.9

Miss Sellers is still too unwell to attend school.

15th – Miss Sellers returned to school today.

18th – Heavy downpour of rain with strong wind. Only 18 children arrived in school. Registers were not marked.

On books, over five 159 Average
 under five 3 = 100.1

22nd – Broke up today for Christmas holiday. Attendance is very low owing to the very wet weather. No gardening operations possible this week.

On books, over five 159 Average
 under five 3 = 76

1915

January 1915

11th – Reopened after Christmas holiday. Only 84 present. The road leading to Stapehill is flooded and impassable. Miss Camburn (C) is absent with leave acting as Red Cross Nurse, at Lytchett. Her class is being taken by Miss Seaward and the lower classes by Miss Sellers.

15th – Owing to a mistake given in the age of Annie Bowering, her name was entered on the register 4G Infants instead of on Reg. 5 for children under 5. The attendances marked during the week on 4G were today transferred to Reg. 5 and deducted from the totals of 4G.

On books, over five 158 Average
 under five 5 = 87.4
No Ferndown children attended this week.

18th – New Council school opened at Ferndown today.

22nd – Sixty children from Ferndown district having been admitted to the new school were removed from the roll this week.

On books, over five 102 Average
 under five 5 = 82.9

29th - On books, over five 102 Average
 under five 4 = 82.2

Owing to the cold easterly winds which have been prevalent lately, many children are suffering from bad colds and coughs. The attendance has consequently been poor. Notice received of dental inspection 4th February.

February 1915

1st – Miss Camburn returned to school duty today (see 11th January).

4th – Dental inspection postponed (by telegram) by Dr Robinson to Monday next (8th).

5th – Medical inspection today 10.30 am.

On books, over five 102 Average
 under five 4 = 77.7

There are still a number of children away with colds and coughs. 18 absent all the week.

8th – Dental inspection today by Miss Wherry.

9th – Owing to a heavy downpour of rain it was impossible to take Practical Gardening this afternoon. This will be taken tomorrow.

12th – During the past week, the weather has been more favourable and the attendance has improved. 13 children have been absent all the week owing to colds and coughs.

On books,	over five 102	Average
	under five 4	= 83.4

17th – Very wet and stormy. All roads leading to the school are flooded. Only 25 children arrived, many of these with wet feet.

They were allowed to dry their shoes and stockings and when the rain abated somewhat were sent home. Registers were not marked.

19th – Attendance low this week owing to wet and stormy weather. The Stapehill road is still entirely under water for a distance of a quarter of a mile from Hampreston Lane Corner.

On books,	over five 100	Average
	under five 4	= 76.5

In register IIB, owing to the sticking down of the fly leaf at the edge, it was found that the attendances had been entered in the wrong column on Monday 15th February. These were cancelled by a line and the attendances for the morning entered at the side. It has only been possible, owing to wet weather, to take Practical Gardening once this week.

26th – As the afternoon was fine, Practical Gardening was taken at 3.00 pm. Mr Couch H.M.I inspected the school on Monday 22nd inst. He advised a re-arrangement of the desks in the main room.

On books,	over five 99	Average
	under five 4	= 73.6

A large number of children are still absent from school suffering from colds and coughs.

March 1915

1st – School garden seeds received today.

On books,	over five 99	Average
	under five 3	= 75.8

Mr Stride came to renovate black boards this afternoon.

10th – Gardening taken this afternoon instead of Monday.

12 th - On books,	over five 100	Average
	under five 2	= 82

19th – The Rector visited the school this afternoon.

On books, over five 98 Average
 under five 2 = 81.1

Miss Camburn left last Monday 10th inst. To take up duties as a supply teacher at Spetisbury School. The Education Com. have reduced the staff in this school owing to the reduction in the average attendance brought about through the opening of a new council school at Ferndown.

22nd – Term exams commenced.

25th – Gardening was not taken today as the examinations were not completed.

26th – Practical Gardening taken this afternoon 3.00 to 4.00 pm.

A presentation was made this afternoon to Miss Camburn by the Rector on behalf of the children and staff of a fountain pen and case. The Rector spoke of the good work done by Miss Camburn during the five years she has taught in the school.

26th - On books, over five 100 Average
 under five 2 = 80.2

There has been a drop in the attendance this week, many of those absent are suffering from several colds and coughs.

31st – Broke up today for Easter holiday.

School will reopen 12th April.

The Rector visited and spoke to the children.

On books, over five 100 Average
 under five 2 = 82.8

April 1915

12th – Reopened after Easter vacation.

16th - On books, over five 97 Average
 under five 3 = 86.9

23rd - On books, over five 99 Average
 under five 3 = 87.7

28th – Took the Lower Division in Physical Ed. this morning.
Spoke to the children on the dangers of stone throwing.

30th – On books, over five 100 Average
 under five 3 = 89.8

May 1915

7th – Owing to the heat, some of the Reading lessons were taken out of doors today.
On books, over five 100 Average
 under five 3 = 90.4

10th – School garden visited by Mr Walch H.M.I this afternoon.

13th – Rained all day. 39 present in the morning and 36 in the afternoon. Registers were marked in the morning but not in the afternoon. Several children arrived too late to be registered and ten more were very wet. Dismissed at 3.00 pm as the weather had cleared.

14th - On books, over five Average
 under five = 85.5
Gardening taken this afternoon instead of yesterday (13th).

21st – Visited the school, examined the registers, called the roll and found the attendances properly recorded.
Mr. K. Sutton

Empire Day celebrated today.

The teachers gave lessons on the Empire.

Patriotic and other songs were sung by the children. Addresses were given by Rev. Wheeler, Mr Sutton and the Head teacher. At 11.30 the whole school marched in procession down the village carrying the Union Jack, after which they were drawn up in two lines opposite the school and saluted the flag. A square was then formed with the flag in the centre and the National Anthem was sung. A collection amounting to 13/- was made in response to an appeal from the "Over Seas" Club for providing comforts for the soldiers and sailors at the front. Buns were then distributed and the school dismissed for the Whitsun Vacation.

On books, over five 101 Average
 under five 3 = 80.3

The low average is due to wet weather and sickness.

31st – Reopened after Whitsun holiday.

June 1915

4th – 5 cases of whooping cough have caused a drop in the average attendance.
On books, over five 98 Average
 under five 2 = 84.4

11th – Further cases of whooping cough have been reported, but in only one case has a medical certificate been sent.

On books, over five 93 Average
 under five 3 = 85.2

18th – Received notice of Scripture examination which is fixed for July 6th at 10.00 am.

On books,	over five 98	Average
	under five 4	= 84.1

25th – School material order last Easter arrived today.

On books,	over five 99	Average
	under five 4	= 79.3

Two fresh cases of whooping cough were reported this week.

July 1915

2 nd – On books,	over five 98	Average
	under five 4	= 81.9

6th – Scripture examination today. Conducted by Rev. D.K Slimeck. A half holiday was given in the afternoon.

9 th - On books,	over five 100	Average
	under five 4	= 80.8

Copy of Scripture report

The children are well and carefully taught. They answer intelligently and the teachers evidently make the subjects interesting and real to them. The second division in particular answered exceedingly well. The written work was well done. Repetition very good and the tone and discipline of the children excellent.

D. F Slimeck

16 th - On books,	over five 100	Average
	under five 4	= 82.8

21st – Longham Congregational Sunday School outing. A holiday was given as over 30 children were going.

22nd – A very wet and stormy morning. Only 33 children present in the morning. Only 26 arrived in the afternoon. Registers were not marked.

23 rd - On books,	over five 99	Average
	under five 4	= 77.1

Terminal examination today (written).

Signature

August 1915

30th August – Reopened after summer holiday.

September 1915

On books,	over five 98	Average
	under five 3	= 85.7

10th - On books, over five 98 Average
under five 4 = 84.6

Medical inspection today 11.00 – 12.15
1.45 pm – 2.30 pm

17th - On books, over five 99 Average
under five 4 = 91.1

21st – Miss Seeward left today.

23rd – Practical Gardening had to be abandoned this afternoon owing to a heavy downpour of rain. The boys returned to school and the rest of the time was occupied with an oral lesson on plant foods. The gardens were visited by Mr Parslow and Mr Ferris. Mrs King (S) is acting as supply.

24th - On books, over five 98 Average
 under five 5 = 91.7

28th – Heavy rain commenced soon after 12.00 and continued during the afternoon, thus preventing the children who had gone home to dinner from returning to school in the afternoon.

October 1915

1 st - On books, over five	98	Average = 93
under five	5	

8th - On books, over five 101 Average
 under five 5 = 97.7

A new time table has been prepared to meet the suggestions of H.M.I and is being tested prior to being sent for approval.

11th - Miss Sellers has been called away to her mother who is seriously ill. Mrs King (S) will take Class III and Classes I and II will be taken together.

15th - It has been impossible to follow the time table strictly during this week with Classes I and II consisting of five standards .

On books, over five 103 Average
 under five 5 = 100.5

18th - Miss Sellers is still away and Mrs Seymour (S) has been appointed to act as "supply" during her absence.

22nd - On books, over five 104 Average
 under five 6 = 100.3

28th - On books, over five 108 Average
 under five 5 = 95.3

The school was closed today for the mid term holiday and will re-assemble on Tuesday 2nd November.

Owing to the wet weather only 75 were present this morning.

November 1915

5th - On books, over five 109 Average
 under five 5 = 103.2

The new gardening class was started yesterday.

12th - Very wet and stormy morning. Only 37 present in the morning and 40 in the afternoon.

Registers were not marked all day.

On books, over five 109 Average
 under five 5 = 102.5

19th - On books, over five 109 Average
 under five 5 = 97.5

26th - Mr Parlson visited the school gardens this afternoon.

On books, over five 109 Average
 under five 5 = 99.3

30th – Visited the school and examined the registers in which the attendances were correctly marked.

Signature

December 1915

1st – Mrs King left today.

Miss Joyce of Wimborne commenced work here today to replace Miss Seeward (V) who left on the 21st September.

3rd - On books, over five 106 Average
 under five 5 = 85.6

Owing to wet weather the average is low this week.

10th – The past week has been exceptionally wet and it has been impossible to take Practical Gardening. Physical Exercises have been taken in school.

Number on registers under five 5 Average
 Over five 106 = 87.9

17th – Terminal examinations have been conducted during the week and it has been impossible to adhere strictly to the time table. No Practical Gardening has been possible again this week owing to the wet weather.

On books, over five 106 Average
 under five 5 = 92.3

23rd – Broke up for Christmas holidays.

The Rector distributed medals certificates and prizes for attendance. Two scholars Winnie Lane and Ralph Squires gained a Bronze Star for Perfect attendance for five years. The Rector spoke to the children and urged upon them the importance of regular attendance at school.

Weekly totals :

On books, over five 103 Average
 under five 5 = 75.8

1916

January 1916

10th – Re-opened after Christmas vacation. A number of children are absent suffering from bad colds as a result of the recent very wet stormy weather. Miss Joyce has written saying she is suffering from facial paralysis and has been ordered complete rest for three months. Mrs King (S) has been temporally appointed to fill the vacancy and commenced work today.

14th – A case of measles has broken out in the village. All the children from the house have been excluded.

On books,	over five 95	Average
	under five 5	= 80.8

17th – A very wet morning. Only 64 present.

20th – Dr Parson medically inspected the school this afternoon. Infants room was used and the children taught in the classroom.

21st – The past has been a wet and stormy week and this has affected the attendance.

On books,	over five 94	Average
	under five 5	= 70.8

28 th - On books,	over five 94	Average
	under five 5	= 81.9

February 1916

3rd – Owing to recent rain, it was impossible to take Practical Gardening this afternoon.

4th – Mr W. Couch H.M.I. inspected the school this afternoon.

On books,	over five 93	Average
	under five 5	= 81.8

11th – Very wet morning. Only 55 children present.

On books,	over five 92	Average
	under five 5	= 77.1

18th – Several very wet days during the past week, on which scarcely half the number of children on the roll were present, have again been the cause of a low average.

On books,	over five 92	Average
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under five 5 = 75

25th – Much rain and snow during the week. Attendance consequently poor.

On books, over five 92 Average
 under five 5 = 70.9

March 1916

Snow again having fallen, the roads are in a very bad condition. Consequently the attendance has again been poor.

On books, over five 92 Average
 under five 5 = 74.1

8th – Heave fall of snow and sleet during the night. Roads are almost impassable, only 30 children present. Those who had wet feet were sent into the classrooms to dry their boots and stockings. Registers were not marked.

10th – Gardening taken this afternoon as the ground was too wet yesterday.

On books, over five 91 Average
 under five 5 = 80

15th – A certificate for employment in agriculture was granted today to Ernest Wellstead.

17th – Gardening (Practical) was taken this afternoon instead of yesterday as the weather is fine.

On books, over five 89 Average
 under five 5 = 81.9

21st – A very wet morning. Two days of heavy rain have made the roads very bad. Only 23 children arrived this morning. Those who were wet footed were sent into the class room to dry their boots and stockings. Registers were not marked as the attendance was so small.

25th - On books, over five 89 Average
 under five 5 = 82.3

28th – Visited the school and examined the registers in which the attendances were correctly marked.

Signature

Miss AM Heygate inspected the needlework on Friday morning 24th March.

31st – Gardening was taken this afternoon as the ground was too wet yesterday.

Mrs King (S. on supply) left this afternoon.

On books, over five 89 Average
 under five 5 = 85.5

April 1916

3rd – Miss Joyce resumed duties today.

4th –Received box of seeds from Suttons for School Gardens.

7 th - On books,	over five 89	Average
	under five 6	= 81.3

10th – Commence terminal examinations today.

14th – It has been impossible to adhere strictly to the time table during the week owing to examination by head teacher.

On books,	over five 89	Average
	under five 6	= 77.7

Many of the scholars are absent with influenza colds.

17th – Miss Joyce sent a message to say she had a bad attack of influenza and would be unable to attend school during the week.

19th – Broke up for Easter holidays.

On books,	over five 89	Average
	under five 6	= 75.4

May 1916

1st – Reopened after Easter vacation.

Miss Joyce returned to duty today.

2nd – A very wet morning. Only 35 children were present. Registers were not marked. As the attendance was so small but the usual morning's lessons were taken.

3rd – Gardening was taken this afternoon. As a result of recent rain the ground was in good condition for seed sowing.

5 th - On books,	over five 88	Average
	under five 7	= 81.8

9th – A very wet morning. 52 only present.

12 th - On books,	over five 89	Average
	under five 7	= 81.5

19 th - On books,	over five 92	Average
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under five 7 = 82.1

22nd – Last week the head teacher was absent from duty, owing to an attack of influenza. The school was in charge of Miss Norris. H.T resumed duties today.

26th - On books, over five 88 Average
 under five 7 = 80.3

June 1916

2nd – Empire Day was celebrated today.

Instruction was given by the teachers on the Empire. Its growth and development with sketches of the lives of some of our great sailors and soldiers. Seven visitors arrived at 10.00. A patriotic song was sung by the elder scholars after which the Rector gave an address to the children on their duty as Christian soldiers. The juniors then sang a song and the school was then addressed by the Rev. H. Ball, after which the Infant class sang an action song which was followed by an address from the Head teacher on the making of good citizens. The school was then paraded in the playground and the senior scholars gave a display of physical drill. The flag was then saluted followed by a march past and the forming of a square round the flag while the National Anthem was sung. Buns were then distributed and a half holiday was given.

On books, over five 88 Average
 under five 7 = 81.1

5th – Miss Sellers S. is absent, suffering from an attack of influenza.

8th – Received medical certificate re. Miss Sellers from Dr H.S Jones.

9th – Closed school for Whitsun holiday for two weeks in order that elder scholars may be able to assist in the hay harvest.

On books, over five 88 Average
 under five 7 = 76.8

26th – Reopened after Whitsun vacation.

30th - On books, over five 90 Average 72.3
 under five 8 Average 6.6

The Rector visited the school this afternoon and tested the registers.

July 1916

6th – The junior division (Standards I and II) was taken this morning to 11.30 to visit a Spring.

7 th - On books, over five 91	Average 68.1
under five 9	Average 6.9

Two cases of measles have occurred among the scholars, necessitating the exclusion of six children.

10th – W. H Couch Esq, H.M.I, visited the school at 9.00 am and left 11.50. Reading, recitation and composition were taken in place of physical ed. and music.

11th – Owing to the visit of Bostock and Wombwells' menagerie to Wimborne, the attendance dropped from 81 in the morning to 69 in the afternoon.

14th – Visited the school this morning and tested the registers in which the attendances were correctly marked.

On books, over five 91	Average 72.1
under five 9	Average 8

20th – School inspected by Rev. D. Slimeck in religious knowledge.

21 st - On books, over five 93	Average 76.3
under five 9	Average 6.1

Broke up for summer vacation.

Scripture report after visit on 20th July

The children are bright and intelligent and evidently take an interest in the work. The children in the Upper division answered well. The written work was well done by most children in the Upper and Lower divisions, but some of the papers in the second division were rather poor. The discipline and attention throughout the school were excellent.

D. F Slimeck
R.D.I

August 1916

28th – Reopened after summer vacation. School material received from Arnold's of Leeds.

September 1916

1 st - On books, over five 95	Average 76.5
under five 7	Average 4.2

8th – Class II paid a visit to a spring this afternoon, 2.45 pm to 3.30 pm.

On books,	over five 97	Average 83.9
	under five 7	Average 5

15 th - On books,	over five 96	Average 77.8
	under five 7	Average 4.9

22 nd - On books,	over five 9?	Average 78.9
	under five 7	Average 4

27th – A very wet afternoon. Only a few children who went home to dinner returned to school.

29th – Rained all day. Only 40 present in the morning and ?? in the afternoon.

October 1916

6 th - On books,	over five 94	Average 79.3
	under five 8	Average 5.8

Wet and stormy weather has affected the attendance this week.

13th – Small attendance this morning (74) owing to wet weather.

On books,	over five 94	Average 80.9
	under five 8	Average 6.5

20th – A collection was made today in the school in aid of the British Red Cross Society.

On books,	over five 95	Average 81.6
	under five 8	Average 6.8

27th – A very wet and stormy day, only 56 present. After 1st November, afternoon session will close at 3.35 and registers closed at 1.35 by order of Education Committee.

27 th - On books,	over five 94	Average 74.2
	under five 9	Average 6.2

November 1916

1st – Owing to an exceptionally wet and stormy day, only 24 children arrived in the morning. Six of these were wet through and were sent home immediately. Fires

were lit and the remainder were allowed to sit around the fire and read. Registers were not marked all day.

2nd – Broke up for mid term holiday to reassemble on Tuesday 7th.

On books,	over five 94	Average 81.2
	under five 9	Average 4.6

7th – Reassembled today after mid-term holiday. The roads leading to the school are flooded and several children were wet footed.

10 th - On books,	over five 93	Average 74.7
	under five 10	Average 5.7

In accordance with instructions received from the Education Committee, registers are now closed in the afternoon at 1.35 and school dismissed at 3.35 pm. The time table has been modified to suit the new time.

17 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 76.1
	under five 11	Average 6.5

24th – Owing to the very severe weather, cold winds, rain and sleet, the attendance during the past week has been very poor. Three families are all suffering from influenza and many children are away with colds.
No Practical Gardening has been possible this week owing to the bad weather.

On books,	over five 95	Average 70.7
	under five 11	Average 4.2

27th – Owing to the several weather, Practical Gardening had to be abandoned today.

December 1916

1 st - On books,	over five 96	Average 79.8
	under five 11	Average 5.5

8 th - On books,	over five 96	Average 72.1
	under five 11	Average 7.1

Many children still suffering from influenza and colds.

10th – No Practical Gardening has been possible again this week owing to severe frost. Influenza epidemic still continues. Many children affected.

On books,	over five 96	Average 69.7
	under five 11	Average 5.6

20th – Visited and examined the registers in which the attendances were correctly marked.

Signature

21st – Closed school for Christmas holiday.

All the roads leading to the school were flooded this morning. Only 23 children arrived. Some were wet footed and were allowed to dry their boots and stockings by the classroom fire. Registers were not marked all day.

On books,	over five 95	Average 71
	under five 10	Average 5.1

1917

January 1917

8th – Reopened after Christmas vacation. Many children still suffering from influenza.

12th – Gardening has been impossible during the week owing to frost and wet. Lessons in theory were given in the schoolroom.

On books,	over five 95	Average 70.3
	under five 9	Average 4

18th – Mr Couch H.M.I. inspected the school this afternoon.

19 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 78.6
	under five 9	Average 3.3

A number of children are still absent suffering from influenza colds.

25th – Medical inspection this morning 10.45 to 11.45 of children suffering from special defects.
Gardening impossible owing to severe frost.

26th – Many children are absent owing to bad colds due to hard frosts and easterly winds.

On books,	over five 91	Average 65.9
	under five 9	Average 2.3

31st – Four loads of manure were delivered this morning for the school garden. The gardening boys wheeled it in this afternoon. No gardening has been possible owing to the severe frost.

February 1917

2nd – Very poor attendance today, only 56 present this afternoon. There is quite an epidemic of colds and influenza among the children.

On books,	over five 91	Average 63.2
	under five 9	Average 1.6

9th – Keen frost has again prevented any practical work in the school gardens.

On books,	over five 91	Average 65.6
	under five 8	Average 2.6

16th – A thaw has set in and the weather is warmer. The attendance has in consequence improved somewhat.

On books,	over five 92	Average 74.2
	under five 8	Average 3.2

21st – Practical Gardening taken this afternoon s the ground was too wet on Monday.

23 rd - On books,	over five 92	Average 74.2
	under five 8	Average 3.2

March 1917

2 nd - On books,	over five 92	Average 70.4
	under five 8	Average 3.8

9 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 73.6
	under five 8	Average 3.8

Owing to a very heavy fall of snow with strong East wind, only 17 children were present. Registers were not marked but the children were kept at work till 12 and then dismissed.

14th – Miss Joyce has been called away to the bedside of her brother who is very seriously ill at Devonport.

16th – Miss Joyce returned to duty today.

On books,	over five 91	Average 74.5
	under five 8	Average 3.3

21st – Miss Joyce will be absent for the rest of the week owing to the death of her brother.

22nd – Very heavy snowstorm during the night. Roads very wet.

Numbers present in morning : 36
Numbers present in afternoon : 42
Registers were not marked.

23 rd - On books,	over five 92	Average 72.2
	under five 7	Average 3.2

27th – Visited the school and tested the registers in which the attendances were correctly marked.

Signature (Jessy Wheeler)

April 1917

3rd – Very heavy fall of snow, only 20 present. Registers were not marked.

4th – Owing to the severe weather, it has been impossible to take Practical Gardening since 29th March.

Broke up for Easter holiday.

Mrs and Miss Wheeler distributed the attendance medals and certificates this afternoon.

On books,	over five 92	Average 69.2
	under five 7	Average 3.7

16th – Reopened after Easter vacation.

20 th - On books,	over five 94	Average 80.7
	under five 7	Average 5.1

27 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 87.4
	under five 7	Average 4.3

Miss D Joyce sent in her resignation on the 24th inclusive. Her engagement will therefore terminate here on 24th May.

May 1917

4 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 78.1
	under five 7	Average 5.9

Several children have been absent potato planting during the week.

11th – As the weather has been so warm and bright during the past week, several oral lessons have been given out of doors.

On books,	over five 93	Average 71.3
	under five 7	Average 4.9

18 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 66.8
	under five 7	Average 3.2

Several children are absent owing to several spring complaints.

25 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 68.6
	under five 7	Average 4

Empire Day celebrations

The school was assembled and registers marked at 9.10. Scripture was taken till 9.45, arithmetic (mental) and singing till 10.30. Lessons on the Empire had been given on Empire Day, 24th inst. At 10.20, a 10 minutes interval was given for recreation. At 10.45 the following visitors had arrived.

Mrs and Miss M. Wheeler, Captain and Mrs Lloyd, Miss Marjorie Wheeler, Rev. H. Ball and Mr. T.K Sutton.

Captain Lloyd gave a most interesting address and gave the children a vivid description of some of the sights he had seen in his travels round the world through the British Dominions.

Mrs T.K Sutton – Rev. H. Ball and the Head Master gave short addresses between which patriotic songs were sung by each division.

The school was afterwards paraded in the playground and saluted the Union Jack. This was followed by a "march past" and concluded with the national anthem and benediction by Rev. H. Ball at 12 o'clock when the school was dismissed for the Whitsuntide holiday.

25th – Miss Joyce left today.

June 1917

8 th - On books, over five 91	Average 70.9
under five 8	Average 5.9

No teacher has been appointed in place of Miss Joyce and Class II was taken with Class I by the Head Teacher during the week.

15 th - On books, over five 93	Average 76.3
under five 9	Average 6.7

After an appeal made by F. Carl Esq. For the National Egg Collection for wounded, twelve children were chosen as collectors today.

18th – Results of egg and money collection made on Saturday : 52 eggs, cash 16/11 1/2.

19th – Only 60 children present this afternoon. Most of those absent have gone to Wimborne to see a circus.

22nd – The attendance has been low this week owing to :

1. Heavy thunder storm on Monday
2. Circus in Wimborne on Tuesday
3. Sickness – one case of measles

On books, over five 93	Average 64.8
under five 9	Average 4.6

26th – Mrs Wheeler visited the school this afternoon and tested the registers in which the attendances were found to have been correctly marked.

Jessy Wheeler

29th – Very wet and stormy all day. Only 36 were present both in morning and afternoon. Registers were not marked but usual lessons were taken. Dismissed at 3.30 pm

On books,	over five 94	Average 69.8
	under five 9	Average 4.6

July 1917

6 th - On books,	over five 97	Average 65.9
	under five 9	Average 6.3

12th – The juniors had oral lessons out of doors this afternoon.

13 th - On books,	over five 100	Average 75.7
	under five 6	Average 3.7

Several children have been away hay making.

18th – A very wet morning, only 52 present. Sunday school sports in connection with Trinity Chapel Stapehill. This and continued rain caused a further reduction to 49 in the afternoon.

20 th - On books,	over five 98	Average 79.2
	under five 6	Average 2.8

24th – Scripture examination today.
Holiday in afternoon.

25th – School closed for summer holidays.

August 1917

27th – School reopened after summer holiday. Ether Will (Std VI) has gained a County Scholarship tenable at Poole Secondary School and Cyril King a scholarship at Wimborne Grammar School. Miss Footed (V.C) commenced today. Telegram received from Miss Sellers to say she was too unwell to attend school.

29th – Miss Sellers returned to school today.

31 st - On books,	over five 97	Average 73.7
	under five 5	Average 3.6

Reginald Hallett has been granted a certificate for Employment in Agriculture. Miss Foote, who has succeeded Miss Joyce, has been put in charge of Class II.

Scripture report after examination July 24th 1917

The answering throughout the school was good though occasionally there was a tendency for a class to leave all the answers to two or three of the best children.

The third division deserves a word of praise for good work in the moral syllabus (Rom. 12 and 13). The written work was good on the whole though rather inaccurate in places, especially in writing from memory. As last year, the tone, discipline and interest of the children are excellent. General quality of :

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| 1. Religious knowledge | - Very good |
| 2. Repetition | - very good |
| 3. Discipline and tone | - very good |
| 4. School in regard to religious instruction as a whole | - very good |

September 1917

7 th - On books, over five 99	Average 75.2
under five 5	Average 3.9

The Rector visited in the afternoon.

14 th - On books, over five 102	Average 76.8
under five 5	Average 4.3

A number of children are absent with skin complaints. Spoke to the children about eating unripe fruit and green nuts.

19th – A very wet and stormy day. Only 50 present in morning and 46 in afternoon.

21st – Visited the school and tested the attendance registers, in which the attendances were found to have been correctly marked. Signature

21 st - On books, over five 102	Average 72.1
under five 5	Average 4.5

The school has been given a week's holiday to enable the children to assist in potato picking.

Gladys Coughlan (monitress) left today.

October 1917

12 th - On books, over five 105	Average 86.4
under five 5	Average 4.3

17th – The roads to Stapehill and Longham were flooded to such a depth as to prevent the children from coming to school. 41 were conveyed through in carts or managed to get round by the backs of houses bordering the road, but the majority were wet footed. These were allowed to dry their shoes and stockings in front of the schoolroom fires.

Dismissed at 2.45 pm. Registers were not marked all day.

19 th - On books, over five 105	Average 84.2
under five 5	Average 4.2

26 th - On books, over five 105	Average 89.6
under five 5	Average 4.5

30th – Registers were marked and closed today at 9.10 and school dismissed at 11.15 to allow the children to gather acorns for the Cordite Factory at Holton Heath. Afternoon session as usual.

November 1917

2 nd - On books, over five 105	Average 83
under five 5	Average 4.3

5th – Miss Foote is absent from duty today owing to a severe chill.

7th – Received a Medical certificate from Miss Foote stating that she was suffering from chill and unable to follow her employment.

9th – Registers were closed this morning at 9.10 am and school dismissed at 11.15 to enable children to collect acorns for the Cordite factory at Holton Heath.

On books, over five 105	Average 84.7
under five 5	Average 4.3

12th – Miss Foote (V.C) returned to duty today.

16th – Gardening was taken today instead of Thursday as that afternoon, it was wet.

On books, over five 105	Average 84.3
under five 5	Average 4.6

23 rd - On books, over five 105	Average 82.9
under five 5	Average 4.9

30th – Several boys are away from school helping on the farms, without permission. These cases have been reported from week to week, but with no effect.

On books, over five 105	Average 86.8
under five 5	Average 4.5

December 1917

5th – Mr. E. Pye, the Attendance Officer who has succeeded Mr H. Head called at the school this morning at 11.00 am. I drew his attention to several very irregular children.

7 th - On books, over five 106	Average 85.3
under five 4	Average 2.8

14 th - On books, over five 106	Average 85.9
under five 4	Average 3.4

17th – Miss Sellers is absent from duty today, having spent the whole weekend at Ashmore, near Salisbury, she wrote to say she was unable to return owing to heavy snowfall.

18th – Visited the school and examined the registers in which I found the attendances correctly marked.
Signature

21st – It has been impossible to take Practical Gardening this week, owing to the state of the ground after the severe frost.

On books, over five 106	Average 80
under five 4	Average 3.9

Broke up for Christmas holiday.
Miss R. Sellers (Supplementary) left today.

1918

January 1918

7th – Opened school today after Christmas vacation. Ada King has been appointed monitress to assist in the infant room. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Sellers has not been filled. Miss Footed V. Is taking Class III (Stds I and II) and Classes I and II are taken by the head teacher.

10th – E.H Chadwick Esq, H.M.I, paid a visit of inspection today at 10.00 am and stayed during the morning session.

11 th - On books, over five 107	Average 83.3
under five 3	Average 1.8

14th – Heavy snow storm during the night. Many children absent.

14th – Mrs Froud is unable to attend owing to the illness of his aunt.

15th – Heavy rain storm during the night, many children away.

16th – A number of children arrived with wet feet. As they had already come a long distance to school, they were allowed to dry their boots and stockings by the school fires.

18 th - On books, over five 108	Average 58.9
under five 3	Average 1.1

21st – Mrs Froud's aunt died yesterday. Mrs F. Will be unable to resume duties this week.

25 th - On books, over five 107	Average 76.4
under five 3	Average 2

28th – Mrs Hibbs commenced work today ("on supply") to take the place of Miss Sellers. Mrs Hibbs has never taught in a school before and a slight deviation from the time table has been necessary to allow the head teacher to supervise her class and give her assistance. Mrs Froud returned to duty today.

February 1918

1 st - On books, over five 107	Average 83.3
under five 3	Average 2

7th – No Practical Gardening has been possible this week owing to the inclement weather.

8 th - On books, over five 107	Average 80.1
under five 3	Average 1.8

The past week has been very wet and the roads are in a very bad condition. This has lowered the average attendance for the week.

13th – Today being Ash Wednesday, a short service was taken in the schoolroom instead of the usual Religious Instruction (9 – 9.45 am). The Rector conducted the services and gave an address.

15 th - On books, over five 106	Average 86.4
under five 3	Average 3

21st – Owing to the wet stage of the ground, Practical Gardening was not taken today.

22 nd - On books, over five 106	Average 79.3
under five 3	Average 3

March 1918

1st – Mrs Hibbs who has been acting as a “supply” teacher in charge of the 3rd class (stds I and II) left today.

4th – Miss Gladys Coughlan has been appointed as a supplementary teacher in place of Miss Sellers who left on 21st December 1917. Miss Coughlan formerly acted as monitress in the infant room up to 21st September 1917.

Attendance totals for week ending 1st March 1918

On books, over five 108	Average 79.1
under five 3	Average 2.9

A large number of children are away with colds and coughs. A case of measles has occurred in Longham village.

7th – Two hours instead of the usual one hour were taken for School Gardening today for seed sowing etc. The work is somewhat behind owing to bad weather in the early part of the year.

8 th - On books, over five 108	Average 82.9
under five 3	Average 3

15 th - On books, over five 107	Average 82.1
under five 3	Average 2.2

A case of measles has occurred at Longham.

19th – A holiday was given this afternoon. Confirmation service in Hampreston Church.

22nd – Visited the school and tested the attendance registers in which the attendance were found to have been correctly marked.

Signature

27th – Broke up for Easter holidays today.

On books,	over five 107	Average 77.1
	under five 3	Average 3

April 1918

8th – Reopened after Easter holidays.

12 th - On books,	over five 109	Average 86.7
	under five 3	Average 3

19 th - On books,	over five 109	Average 88.6
	under five 3	Average 3

22nd – Two hours were taken for Gardening (Practical) this afternoon as, owing to the recent wet and cold weather, the work of sowing was somewhat behind. Miss Foote (V) took the girls in the subjects as per time table.

26 th - On books,	over five 109	Average 94.4
	under five 4	Average 4

May 1918

3 rd - On books,	over five 107	Average 92.5
	under five 7	Average 7

6th Miss Foote was absent from duty this morning, but resumed in the afternoon although feeling very unwell.

10 th – On books,	over five 107	Average 89.4
	under five 7	Average 6.6

Mr E.H Chadwick, H.M.I inspected the school today and stayed during the morning and afternoon sessions.

13th – A very wet morning. Only 58 children present.

14th – Gardening was taken this afternoon instead of yesterday.

17th – On books, over five 107 Average 85.1
 under five 7 Average 6.3

Celebration of Empire Day.

Instruction was given on "the Empire" from 9.45 to 10.30 pm. After recreation, patriotic songs were sung including the English, Welsh and American National Anthems. During the intervals between the songs, the children were addressed by the Rev. J. Wheeler and the Head Master. The school was then paraded and the flag saluted.

Dismissed at 12 for Whitsuntide vacation to reopen 27th May.

31st - On books, over five 99 Average 81.7
 under five 8 Average 7.6

June 1918

7th - On books, over five 101 Average 86.7
 under five 8 Average 6.8

14th – First class boys were taken out this afternoon to do some measuring for scale drawing.

On books, over five 100 Average 81.9
 under five 9 Average 6.6

19th – Gardening was taken this afternoon, in order that advantage might be taken of the condition of the ground due to a heavy fall of rain yesterday. Cabbage and beet were planted out.

20th – No gardening lesson this afternoon.

21st - On books, over five 99 Average 84.7
 under five 10 Average 7

26th – Visited the school and examined the registers in which the attendances were correctly marked.

Jessy Wheeler

28th - On books, over five 99 Average 80.8
 under five 9 Average 7.7

July 1918

5th – On books, over five 99 Average 79.2
 Under five 9 Average 8.5

8th – Head teacher absent from school, having been called up for medical examination by the N.S Medical Board. School in charge of Mrs Froud U.C.

11th – Owing to a very heavy downpour of rain accompanied by thunder, only 40 children present this morning.
Registers were marked.

12th – On books, under five 9 Average 7.1
 Over five 99 Average 74.6

17th – A number of children were absent today owing to a Chapel Sunday School outing.

19th – Scripture examination today.
On books, under five 9 Average 6.7
 Over five 99 Average 74.6

23rd - On books, under five 8 Average 6.5
 Over five 100 Average 71.7

A new timetable has been made out and is being tested.

31st – Broke up for summer holidays, 12 noon, to reassemble on 2nd September.
Owing to Longham Chapel Outing, only 46 children present this morning.
On books, over five 100 Average 54.6
 under five 8 Average 5

Low average due to small number present this morning.

Diocesan Inspector's Report

The children answered well and intelligently throughout the school. A good percentage of children in each division were ready with answers. The repetition in the infants was accurate and with good expression. The written work was very satisfactory and showed a great improvement on last year. There was accuracy and neatness in all the papers, including those of the youngest children. The interest and tone of the school bear witness to the pains taken by the staff in their work.

D.F Slimeck

Diocesan Inspector

September 1918

2nd – School reopened after summer vacation. Mrs Froud VC (Infants teacher) is suffering from Spanish influenza and is consequently unable to resume duty.

3rd – The elder scholars made a collection of blackberries (38 lbs) this afternoon in connection with the Women's War Agricultural Committee with the approval of the Education Authorities.

6th – Visited the school and examined the registers in which the attendances were correctly marked.
Signature

Mrs Irvine H.M.I visited the school in the afternoon.

A further collection of blackberries was made on Thursday (5th September) when 62 lbs were gathered, making a total of 100 lbs for the two half days.

On books,	over five 100	Average 77.8
	under five 8	Average 5.5

13th – Secular work was started at 9.10 am. Dismissed at 11.30. To give children extra time to collect blackberries during dinner time. 44 lbs were gathered.

On books,	over five 97	Average 68.6
	under five 8	Average 4.3

The low average is due partly to sickness and partly to the fact that several children have been kept away to help with potato picking. Four boys are absent on agricultural work.

16th – Mrs Froud resumed duties today. No gardening lesson today owing to wet weather.

20 th - On books,	over five 97	Average 72.5
	under five 8	Average 4.5

27 th - On books,	over five 97	Average 74.5
	under five 8	Average 5.9

October 1918

5 th - On books,	over five 98	Average 71.2
	under five 8	Average 4.4

A week's holiday has been granted to allow children to help with potato picking.

14th – Reassembled after week's holiday. The wet weather during the past week has prevented much potato digging.

18th – A number of children are still absent potato picking as the weather is fine. Notices have been sent to the parents.

On books,	over five 99	Average 68.5
	under five 8	Average 4.8

21st – Only 62 children present today. A number of cases of influenza have been reported. Owing to the wet stage of the ground, practical gardening was not taken this afternoon.

23rd – Only 37 present this afternoon. Mr Chadwick H.M.I visited.

24th – Only 17 children arrived at school. Received order from medical officer of health to close the school from today till 9th November.
Totals for the week

On books,	over five 100	Average 51.4
	under five 7	Average 4

Miss Foote V.C has been absent with influenza since Tuesday 22nd. Miss Coughlam S. was taken ill yesterday and is away today.

November 1918

9th – As there are still cases of influenza in the neighbourhood it has been decided not to reopen school till the 18th.

18th – Opened school today. Only 50 present. Registers were not marked.

19th – Managers decided to close again till 25th November.

25th – Opened school today. 60 present. Mrs Foote returned.

29 th - On books,	over five 98	Average 68.7
	under five 7	Average 4.9

It has been impossible owing to wet weather to take Practical Gardening this week. Oral lessons and notes taken instead.

December 1918

6th – Wet weather has again prevented Practical Gardening, the ground being in a very muddy condition.

On books,	over five 97	Average 69.8
	under five 7	Average 4.6

13 th - On books,	over five 96	Average 72.6
	under five 7	Average 4

20 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 64.5
	under five 7	Average 4

19th – Broke up for Christmas holidays today. Owing to wet weather and sickness, the attendance has been poor. The boys went down to the gardens today but were unable to do much owing to the state of the ground after the heavy rains.

1919

January 1919

6th – Reopened after Christmas holiday. Weather is still very wet and only 55 present.

9th – No Practical Gardening possible owing to the weather being so wet.

10 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 57.7
	under five 7	Average 4

17 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 61.8
	under five 7	Average 4

Some of the roads leading to the school have been almost impassable owing to the heavy rains and floods. Many children are still away suffering from colds. The Rector visited the school this afternoon.

20th – Pouring with rain. Wind strong. Lanes are flooding. Only 13 children arrived. These were kept in school till 11 am and then dismissed as the water was rapidly rising in the lanes.

21st – Still wet but calmer. 52 present.

24 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 59.8
	under five 7	Average 4.4

27th – Miss G. Coughlan and Miss Foote are both ill and unable to attend school.

28th – Received a Doctor's certificate from Miss Coughlan to say she was not in a fit state of health to attend school.

Miss Foote sent to say she was suffering from inflamed tonsils and ulcerated mouth and throat.

Mrs Froud V. Is taking standards I, II and III.

30th – Miss Foote returned to duty today but is still unwell.

31 st - On books,	over five 95	Average 64.3
	under five 7	Average 3.6

February 1919

3rd – Practical Gardening impossible owing to wet.

4th – Gardening taken today.

7th - On books, over five 95 Average 62.7

10th – Received telegram from Miss Foote stating that she was suffering from a badly cut hand and unable to attend school.

11th – Letter from Miss Foote and certificate from Doctor to say that she was still unfit for duty. Class II has been taken with Class I.

10th – Miss Coughlan returned today.

14th – No Practical Gardening has been possible this week owing to severe frost.

On books, over five 96 Average 68.4
 under five 7 Average 4.3

18th – Storm and sleet this morning only 46 present. Registers not marked. Miss Foote returned to duty yesterday (17th)
Pm. As there were only 40 present in the afternoon, the meeting was abandoned. Dismissed at 2.30. Registers not marked.

21st – The attendance during the past week has been exceptionally low owing to the wet weather and the prevalence of coughs and colds among the children.

On books, over five 92 Average 52
 under five 7 Average 3.3

28th – Visited the school and tested the registers in which the attendances had been correctly marked.
Jessy Wheeler

Miss Foote is absent today with a feverish cold.

On books, over five 91 Average 58.4
 under five 7 Average 4.9

March 1919

5th – Miss Foote returned to duty today.
Miss Coughlan is absent from duty owing to the severe illness of her mother.

6th – Miss Coughlan returned today.

7th - On books, over five 90 Average 54.3
 under five 7 Average 4.3

The low attendance is due to the prevalence of coughs and colds and to the exceptionally wet weather.

10th – No Practical Gardening possible owing to bad weather.

13th – Continued wet weather has rendered Gardening operations impossible.

14th – Gardening was taken this afternoon for two hours as the weather was fine.

On books,	over five 89	Average 53.5
	under five 7	Average 2.7

19th – Pouring with rain this morning, only 35 children arrived in the morning and 33 in the afternoon. Lessons were taken as usual but registers not marked. Two cases of influenza have been reported.

21 st - On books,	over five 88	Average 56.8
	under five 7	Average 3.6

Gardening (Practical) taken this afternoon 2.30 to 3.30 instead of yesterday as the ground was too wet.

24th – Visited the school and examined the registers in which the attendances were correctly marked.

28 th - On books,	over five 88	Average 61.8
	under five 6	Average 2.8

April 1919

4 th - On books,	over five 85	Average 61.7
	under five 6	Average 3.5

7th – Commenced terminal examinations today.

10th – Very wet morning. Only 47 children present. Registers were not marked. Practical Gardening was taken yesterday afternoon to make up for lost time during recent wet weather.

11 th - On books,	over five 86	Average 67
	under five 6	Average 3.5

14th – Very wet morning. Only 20 children arrived. Registered were not marked. Dismissed at 3.30 pm as weather had improved.

16th – Broke up for Easter holidays.

On books,	over five 86	Average 61.5
	under five 6	Average 4

28th – Reopened after Easter holiday.

May 1919

1st – The afternoon session will now be 2.5 hours in length, ie. 1.30 to 4.00 pm. Received instructions to withdraw all certificates issued on Form 8 SA (Exemption from school attendance for agricultural work). All boys holding above to return to school

2 nd - On books, over five 91	Average 66.4
under five 6	Average 3.8

7th – Miss Foote V. Left today.

8th – Miss Crawshaw S. began work today as a “supply” teacher until the vacancy caused by Miss Foote leaving has been filled.

9 th - On books, over five 92	Average 74.3
under five 7	Average 4.4

A new Attendance Officer has been appointed for this district. Mr. Stacey of Woodcutts Gaunts, Wimborne.

15 th - On books, over five 90	Average 78.9
under five 7	Average 3.6

23rd – There was a slight falling off in the attendance due to sickness in the 1st and infants class.

On books, over five 90	Average 77
under five 7	Average 4.8

30 th - On books, over five 90	Average 79.7
under five 7	Average 4.6

Empire Day celebrations. This was to have taken place on the 23rd but owing to the absence of the Rector, who was away from home, the ceremony was postponed till today. School was opened at the usual time and registers marked. After a short Scripture lesson, registers were closed at 9.30 followed by a singing practice. Instruction on the Empire which had been given during the week was then supplemented by a few questions and further information. At 10.20 ten minutes recreation was given and at 10.30 all classes were assembled in the main room. The visitors included Colonel Hewitt (manager), Mr Hudson (manager), Mr T.K Sutton C.C (manager), Mrs Wheeler (Manager), and Miss Wheeler. The Rector, who has again been called away owing to a family bereavement, was unable to be present.

Proceedings were commenced by the singing of the national anthem. Colonel Hewitt then gave an address to the children. Speaking on their appearance and smartness, he urged them to endeavour to be always upright in character and true and just in all their dealings. Mr T.K Sutton spoke about the origin of Empire Day and asked the children a few questions about the Empire, reminding them the children that they were the future trustees of all that has been won for us in the past, and that on them rested the responsibility of keeping the name of British people clean and untarnished before the world. The head teacher thanked the visitors for their addresses.

June 1919

6th - On books, over five 89 Average 75.4
under five 7 Average 5

Closed school for the Whitsun holiday this morning.

16th – Reopened after Whitsun holiday.

Miss Crawshaw (S), who is acting "on supply" in place of Miss Foote, has heard that she has been successful at the recent Preliminary Certificate Examination.

20th - On books, over five 89 Average 70.3
under five 7 Average 4.4

27th – Visited the school and tested the registers in which the attendances were correctly marked.

Signature

On books, over five 91 Average 75.3
under five 6 Average 3.7

July 1919

3rd – Owing to a heavy fall of rain, Practical Gardening was not taken.

4th – Gardening taken this afternoon.

On books, over five 91 Average 71.5
under five 6 Average 3.9

8th – The second class was taken for a nature ramble this afternoon to study leaves. 3.30 to 4 pm.

11th - On books, over five 93 Average 77
under five 4 Average 1.7

18th - On books, over five 94 Average 83.3

under five 3

Average 0.8

The Scripture examination was held today 10 to 12.30.
A holiday was given in the afternoon.

25th – Medical Inspection today commencing at 11 am and completed at 4 pm.

On books,	over five 93	Average 83.9
	under five 3	Average 0.7

Diocesan Inspector's Report

The religious instruction of this school is quite satisfactory and is evidently given with a sense of its practical importance. The children in most cases answered readily and intelligently. The catechism subjects perhaps showed a little weakness. The written work was good and accurate.

Marks. General quality of :

- 1. Religious knowledge – Very good**
- 2. Repetition – very good – Good**
- 3. Discipline and tone – Very good**
- 4. School in regard to religious knowledge – very good**

D.F Slimeck

Diocesan Inspector Wimborne RD

28th – Two hours taken for Practical Gardening this afternoon to enable the boys to get their gardens in good order and finish planting out before the summer holiday. Term examination completed today.

29th – Practical Gardening taken again this afternoon 1.30 – 2.30.

30th – Longham Chapel Congregational and Sunday School outing today. Only 56 present.

Weekly totals

On books,	over five 93	Average 70.8
	under five 3	Average 0.6

Broke up today for Summer holidays.

School reopens 8th September. An extra week's holiday has been granted to celebrate the signing of "Peace".

September 1919

8th – School reopened after summer vacation. Miss Crawshaw (V) has been placed on the permanent staff.

9th – The second class was taken out for a nature walk this afternoon 3.30 to 4 pm.

12th – Weekly totals :

On books,	over five 96	Average 85.2
	under five 5	Average 2.6

19 th - On books,	over five 93	Average 79.4
	under five 4	Average 2.1

24th – Visited the school and tested the registers in which the attendances were correctly marked.

Signature

Practical Gardening was taken this afternoon instead of Monday which was too wet.

26 th - On books,	over five 93	Average 77.4
	under five 4	Average 1.2

Four children have been excluded from school as they have sores on face and hands.

October 1919

3 rd - On books,	over five 93	Average 79.2
	under five 4	Average 2.1

10 th – On books,	over five 94	Average 79.9
	under five 4	Average 1.8

The second class was taken out for a nature ramble this afternoon 3.15 to 4 pm.

17 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 78.8
	under five 4	Average 1

24 th - On books,	over five 90	Average 72.1
	under five 4	Average 1

29th – Closed school this afternoon for half term holiday, to reopen on Monday 3rd November.

November 1919

3rd – Reopened after half term holiday. Several children absent with bad colds.

7th – Received 3 dozen exercise books (Emergency order) from Arnold's of Leeds.

On books,	over five 90	Average 76.7
	under five 4	Average 0.8

No Practical Gardening was possible yesterday afternoon owing to the wetness of the ground after the recent rain. An oral lesson on "How seeds travel" was given.

14 th - On books,	over five 90	Average 72.9
	under five 5	Average 1.8

18th – Mr Chadwick H.M.I paid a visit of inspection.

21st – The weather during the week has been so wet that Practical Gardening has been impossible. The time was spent on lessons on insect pests, drawings and note taking.

On books,	over five 90	Average 72.2
	under five 5	Average 1.7

28 th - On books,	over five 90	Average 77.3
	under five 5	Average 3.3

December 1919

1st – Very wet and stormy, only 35 present in morning and 35 in afternoon.

2nd – Longham Lane flooded over. The road is quite impassable. 45 present in morning and 54 present in afternoon.

3rd – A holiday was given this afternoon. Unveiling of the War Memorial in the Parish Church by the Bishop of Salisbury.

5 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 58.4
	under five 5	Average 2.3

The very low average is due to the small attendance on Monday and Tuesday resulting from the wet weather.

12 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 75.2
	under five 5	Average 2.9

17th – Visited the school and tested the registers in which the attendances had been correctly marked.

Jessy Wheeler

18th – Broke up for Christmas holidays (two weeks).

On books,	over five 91	Average 73.2
	under five 5	Average 8

1920

January 1920

5th – Reopened after Christmas holidays. Several children are suffering from chicken pox. These have been excluded.

9 th - On books,	over five 87	Average 75
	under five 5	Average 1

During the week, when the weather permitted the Gardening boys were employed in putting net wire round the school garden fence to keep out the rabbits.

15 th - On books,	over five 87	Average 70.2
	under five 5	Average 2

Practical Gardening was taken on Tuesday 13th from 2.30 to 3.30. The ground on Monday was too wet.

21st – Gardening taken this afternoon 1.30 to 2.30 instead of Monday as the ground was then too wet.

23 rd - On books,	over five 87	Average 71.8
	under five 5	Average 2

Several children are absent from school suffering from chicken pox and “breaking out”.

26th – Owing to a very heavy fall of rain, Practical Gardening was impossible this afternoon. Composition and note taking were taken in its place.

30 th - On books,	over five 87	Average 73.6
	under five 5	Average 2

February 1920

2nd – Medical inspection today.
18 children were excluded for impetigo

6 th - On books,	over five 87	Average 65.6
	under five 5	Average 1.2

The low average is due to the exclusion of the children mentioned above.

13 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 65.8
	under five 5	Average 0.8

20 th - On books,	over five 90	Average 64.3
	under five 5	Average 0.6

26th – Several children who had been excluded for impetigo have now returned to school cured. There are still six cases. The Attendance Officer called today and promised to visit the homes of the latter and report upon the condition of the children.

27 th - On books,	over five 92	Average 68.4
	under five 6	Average 2.6

March 1920

5 th - On books,	over five 93	Average 69.6
	under five 6	Average 2.4

12th – One load of manure was delivered at the school gardens today by Mr Foot. Longham.

On books,	over five 91	Average 74.4
	under five 6	Average 2.9

22nd – Examined registers and found the attendances were correctly marked.
 Jessy Wheeler
 22nd march 1920

A second load of manure was delivered at the school gardens on Saturday 20th March.

19 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 70.5
	under five 6	Average 2.9

26 th - On books,	over five 90	Average 70.1
	under five 6	Average 0.8

Twelve cases of mumps have been reported. These have been notified to the Medical officer.

31st – School closed for Easter holidays.
 Practical Gardening was taken this afternoon to 2.30.

Summary Reg. forwarded to Dorchester for exam.

On books,	over five 90	Average 69
	under five 6	Average 1

April 1920

12th – School reopens after Easter holiday.
A very wet day. Attendance small.

16th – Summary Reg. received from Dorchester
Form IX completed

On books,	over five 93	Average 67.4
	under five 7	Average 1.6

Weather wet. Consequently attendance low.

In accordance with the instructions received from the Secretary Education Committee, I have corrected the summary register so the total attendances for each quarter are included in the totals on the page provided for the quarter, irrespective of the day of the week on which the end of the quarter falls.

29th – Mr Chadwick H.M.I visited am.

22nd – Owing to the inclement weather, it was impossible to continue the lesson at the gardens this afternoon. The last half hour was spent in the schoolroom and the boys were employed in preparing labels for seed beds.

23 rd - On books,	over five 95	Average 82.1
	under five 8	Average 3.9

30 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 81.7
	under five 8	Average 5.8

May 1920

4th – The first and second classes were taken for a nature walk this afternoon, 2.30 to 3.30.

7 th - On books,	over five 96	Average 86.1
	under five 8	Average 6.4

11th – Owing to a severe attack of influenza, the head master was laid up and unable to attend school.

14 th - On books,	over five 96	Average 79.4
	under five 8	Average 5.8

17th – Head master returned to duty today. The school during his absence was in charge of Mrs Froud V.C.

21 st - On books,	over five 96	Average 80.1
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under five 8

Average 6.3

Empire Day was celebrated this morning and school dismissed for Whitsun holiday at 12 noon.

Empire Day celebration

School assembled as usual at 9.00 am. After prayers instruction was given on the Empire and Empire builders followed by a short singing practice. Recreation was taken 10.15 – 10.30. At 10.30, the following visitors arrived : Rev. A. Wheeler, General Boom, Mr Hudson, Mr T.K Sutton (CC), Mr Cape, Mrs Wheeler and Miss M. Wheeler. Patriotic and other songs were sung and the children were addressed by the Rev. A. Wheeler, General Boom, Mr T.K Sutton, Mr Cape and the head teacher. The Rev. J. Wheeler (Rector) who has been an invalid for over six months came over to the school later but was unable to speak to the children.

At 11.20, the school was paraded and marched through the village. The Union Jack was then saluted, a square was formed in the school yard and the National Anthem sung, after which buns, which had been provided by the Managers, were distributed and the school was dismissed for the Whitsun holiday.

31st – School re-opened after Whitsun holiday.

June 1920

4 th - On books,	over five 96	Average 81.7
	under five 10	Average 7.6

11 th - On books,	over five 97	Average 82.9
	under five 10	Average 6.6

18th – Scripture examination this morning by Rev. Winterton. Holiday in afternoon.

On books,	over five 98	Average 87
	under five 9	Average 8

21st – Visited the school and examined registers, in which the attendances have been correctly marked.
Jessy Wheeler

25 th - On books,	over five 98	Average 88.3
	under five 9	Average 7.5

Class II (Std's III and IV) were taken out for a nature walk this afternoon to study flowers.

July 1920

2nd - On books, over five 97 Average 80.9
 under five 9 Average 6.4

6th – A very wet day only 48 present in the morning and 58 in the afternoon.
Registers were marked on each occasion.

7th – Another very wet morning, only 39 present.

Copy of Diocesan Inspector's Report

Inspected 18th June 1920

This school is doing good work in religious instruction. Throughout the school, the children show themselves possessed of a very good knowledge of the details of the Bible stories and of the text of the catechism and Scripture portions committed to memory. They also answered readily and intelligently questions designed to test their appreciation of the practical lessons contained in these stories and portions. More use might well be made of hymns and Scripture passages learnt by the children of the Infant Group and Groups II and III.

Some sets of Nelson's Bible Pictures would be found most useful for illustrating the lessons given to the younger children.

The singing of both infants and seniors was tuneful and expressive and the list of hymns offered was a well chosen one.

**Sydney C. Winterton
(Senior Diocesan Inspector)**

9th – The past has been an exceptionally wet week and the attendance in consequence is below the average.

On books, over five 97 Average 71.4
 under five 9 Average 3.2

16th - On books, over five 97 Average 82.5
 under five 9 Average 5.8

21st – Longham Chapel Congregational Outing today. Only 60 present.

23rd – The continued wet weather has again kept the attendance low.

On books, over five 97 Average 82.2
 under five 9 Average 5.4

26th – Received new attendance registers for the next education year. Completed the midsummer terminal examinations.

28 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 82.1
	under five 8	Average 3.9

School closed today 3.40 pm for summer holiday. To reopen on Monday morning 30th August.

August 1920

30th – School reopened this morning. Number present 91. A new time table has been drawn up and forwarded for approval.

September 1920

3rd – The new time table has been tested during the week and found to work quite smoothly.

Totals for week

On books,	over five 91	Average 81.7
	under five 8	Average 6.7

9th – School dentist called today to ascertain what children required treatment.

10th – Arrangements were made for children requiring dental treatment to attend at Middlehill School today at 10 am. Only one went, the parents of the others considering the distance too far.

10 th - On books,	over five 92	Average 83.5
	under five 7	Average 5.5

15th – Wet day, small attendance.

17 th - On books,	over five 92	Average 71.9
	under five 7	Average 3.4

23rd – Medical Inspection of School as follows :

1. Children recently admitted to school life
2. Children over 8 years old
3. Children over 12 years old
4. Children having special defects

9.15 to 3 pm.

24 th - On books,	over five 92	Average 77.6
	under five 7	Average 4.1

30th – Visited the school and examined the registers in which the attendances had been correctly marked.

Signature

October 1920

1st – Very wet and stormy morning, only 41 present.

On books,	over five 92	Average 72.9
	under five 7	Average 3.6

4th – Another very wet day. Only 50 children present.

8 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 64.4
	under five 7	Average 3.1

Dr Robinson, school medical officer, called today and examined cabinet containing medical cards.

15 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 76
	under five 7	Average 4.8

22nd – Very wet afternoon. No “dinner” children returned.

On books,	over five 93	Average 77
	under five 6	Average 3.2

27th – Broke up for mid-term holiday.

On books,	over five 94	Average 76
	under five 5	Average 3

Several children away with scabs and sores.

27th – The total weekly attendances in class I register having been inadvertently entered twice, one column was cancelled by drawing a red ink line through.

November 1920

2nd – School reassembled after mid-term holiday.

5 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 76.2
	under five 6	Average 4

11th – The anniversary of Armistice Day and the burial of the “Unknown soldier” in Westminster Abbey were observed by a two minutes silence at 11.00 o’clock. A short prayer was then said by the Head Teacher followed by the doxology and the national

anthem. During the lesson, 11.30 to 12.00, a short instruction was given on the meaning of today's ceremonies.

12 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 81.5
	under five 6	Average 3.4

15th – Wet and stormy morning. 61 present.

19 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 75.8
	under five 6	Average 3.4

25th – Owing to the recent rain, Practical Gardening was impossible this afternoon. An oral lesson was given in the school room on trenching.

26 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 80.9
	under five 6	Average 3.2

December 1920

3rd – A very wet and stormy week. Attendance low.

On books,	over five 95	Average 68.6
	under five 6	Average 2.7

10 th - On books,	over five 95	Average 76.8
	under five 6	Average 3.6

20th – Visited the school and examined the registers which were found correct.
F.W Peverelle

14th – The late rector and school correspondent Rev. James Wheeler, who died on the 10th, was buried today in Hampreston Churchyard. The school children attended the funeral at 2.30 and a wreath from the staff and scholars was placed on the grave.

22nd – Broke up for Christmas holidays this afternoon. The attendance has been very poor owing to the prevalence of colds and coughs among the children.

On books,	over five 95	Average 59.1
	under five 5	Average 1.6

1921

January 1921

10th – Reopened school after Christmas holiday.

14th – A very wet and stormy week has resulted in a low average attendance. Practical Gardening has been impossible. Miss Crawshaw absent this week owing to sickness.

On books,	over five 91	Average 74.9
	under five 5	Average 3.4

18th – Hampreston Sunday School tea and prize distribution. Assembled 1.15 and dismissed 3.20 pm to allow for preparation of room etc.

21 st - On books,	over five 89	Average 78
	under five 5	Average 3.6

28 th - On books,	over five 90	Average 78
	under five 4	Average 3

February 1921

3rd – Owing to rain, Practical Gardening was impossible this afternoon.

On books,	over five 89	Average 71.3
	under five 5	Average 3.2

Another wet day and muddy roads caused above low average.
Requisition for school materials sent in.

11 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 77.3
	under five 6	Average 4.3

14th – Mr Chadwick, H.M.I. visited 10.15 to 3.00 pm.

18 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 77.6
	under five 6	Average 4.6

24th – A holiday was given this afternoon to enable teachers to attend a lecture by Mr. F.S Marvin, Chairman of the Education Committee of the League of Nations at Wimborne Grammar School.

20 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 76.8
	under five 6	Average 4.3

March 1921

4 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 77.2
	under five 6	Average 3

1st – Mr Pawle H.M.I visited the school today.

11 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 75.5
	under five 6	Average 3.8

Received stock of school material 8th March.

21st – Visited the school and examined the registers which were found to be correct.
F.W Peverelle.

18 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 70.7
	under five 6	Average 3.4

23 rd - On books,	over five 91	Average 73
	under five 6	Average 3.8

Broke up for Easter holiday. 3.45 pm

Copy of Government report by HM Inspector Mr C Pawle

The teachers take pain with their work and manage the children in a kindly manner but they are not successful in obtaining sufficient effort from the children ; consequently, progress is unsatisfactory and there is a general want of responsiveness and attentiveness.

In order to keep in touch with the work throughout the school and especially to improve the arithmetic, the master is taking the middle and lowest classes for some lessons whilst his assistants take the top class alternately for most of the literary subjects. This experiment has proved unfortunate. The uncertificated assistant has carefully prepared her lessons in history and geography, but has failed to arouse the interest of her class and some of the children do not even listen. The supplementary assistant merely listens to the children reading and pays no attention to the subject matter, she is utterly incapable of correcting the compositions, the crudest mistakes passing unnoticed. The children therefore are learning very little and the older children are stagnating. In these circumstances it is scarcely surprising that attendance is irregular ; at a visit on 14th February, 81 children were present out of 97. The improvement of the teaching of the third class is a matter of special importance.

The reconsideration of the schemes of organisation and time table were discussed with the object of bringing this school to a suitable level of efficiency and of devising tasks to develop adequately the interests and activities of the older children.

After these comments, it is a pleasure to record the more satisfactory features of this school :

A school library is in the process of formation ; it will be a boon and a stimulus if a nucleus of really inspiring books can be collected and an added advantage if the interior can be brightened by some attractive framed pictures.

There is a prospect of a partition being erected in the main room to divide the classes. School concerts are held to which the parents are invited.

The children enjoy their lessons in physical exercises and games and show fair proficiency. Singing and voice training are well taught. Poems are recited with some feeling and expression ; it is felt that still better results would follow a somewhat wider and more suitable selection including good prose passages.

The infants are managed and taught in a genial and vigorous manner and some of the kindergarten is quite good. It is unfortunate that there is no space for games and physical activities. The provision of more suitable desks is being referred directly to the authority.

**Signed F. W Peverelle
Correspondent**

April 1921

4th – Reopened school after Easter holiday.
4 new scholars admitted.

9th – A managers meeting was held this morning to consider the foregoing report and the head teacher was instructed to inform Miss Coughlan that they would expect her resignation not later than 31st July.

8th - On books, 98 Average 87.3

15th - On books, 98 Average 80.3

Many of the children are absent with impetigo. This and wet weather is the cause for low average this week.

22nd - On books, 98 Average 85.7
On books 98 Average 85.6

The summary register which was sent to Dorchester for inspection at the end of last quarter was returned today and the weekly totals have been copied in.

29th – On books, 98 Average 85.6

May 1921

6th - On books, 98 Average 73.7

Several children are away with impetigo and sickness.

13th – Rev. F Peverelle visited the school this morning.

On books, 97 Average 82
Broke up for Whitsun holiday.

25th – Reopened after Whitsun holiday.

24th – Empire Day

The usual procedure was followed.

Instruction was given on the Empire and foundation of Empire Day from 9.45 to 10.15. Recreation was taken from 10.15 to 10.30. At 10.30 all scholars were assembled in the main room, the following managers being present : the Rev. Peverelle, Mr Hudson, Admiral Bush, Mr Aldridge and Miss Wheeler. The other visitors included Rev. O'Ryley and Mrs Peverelle. Speeches were given by Mr Peverelle, Mr O'Ryley and the head teacher Mr Roberts and patriotic and other songs were sung by the children. Admiral Bush J.P complimented the children and teachers upon the excellent singing and said he though it was the best of its kind he had heard. The school was then paraded and saluted the flag in front of the school and a march past concluded the ceremony. Through the kindness of the managers Tm Sutton, a bun and orange was given to each child and hearty cheers were given for the managers and teachers before dismissal at 12.10.

27th - On books, over five 92 Average 81.4
 under five 7 Average 4

June 1921

3rd - On books, over five 92 Average 74
 under five 8 Average 4.6

Several cases of impetigo have occurred during the week and the children affected have been excluded hence the low average.

9th – Owing to the holding of the Royal Agricultural Show at Bournemouth this week, the attendance yesterday was small and this morning 57 out of 100. Registers were marked and closed at 9 am and school dismissed at 11. The second session was begun at 12 and school dismissed at 2. This was done with the approval of the managers to enable some of those present to attend the show in the afternoon without losing an attendance and to avoid a further reduction in the average.

10 th - On books,	over five 92	Average 75.8
	under five 8	Average 5.7

17 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 80.8
	under five 8	Average 4

24th – Nurse visited school and examined children suspected of being verminous. The second class were taken out this morning to do some measuring with a chain.

On books,	over five 91	Average 81
	under five 8	Average 5.2

Three children have been excluded for verminous heads and one for impetigo.

28th – Examined attendance registers and found them to be correct. F.W Peverelle.

29th – There is a sale of work this afternoon at Longham Congregational Chapel in aid of the Repair fund and several of our girls, who have been working for it or have stalls, are absent from school this afternoon. In consequence, the attendance this afternoon has fallen to 70.

July 1921

1 st - On books,	over five 90	Average 77
	under five 8	Average 5.1

6th – A parochial fête was held in the rectory grounds this afternoon. As the school room was required for teas, a holiday was given in the afternoon.

8 th - On books,	over five 90	Average 79.4
	under five 8	Average 4.4

15th – The school was examined by Rev. Slimeck in religious knowledge. A holiday was given in the afternoon.

On books,	over five 91	Average 76.2
	under five 8	Average 5.6

18th – The summer term examination was commenced today. The time table will not be strictly adhered to during the coming week.

22 nd - On books,	over five 91	Average 82.9
	under five 8	Average 6.6

27th – School closed for summer holiday to reassemble on 29th August.
Miss G. Coughlan Supplementary left today.

On books,	over five 89	Average 69.8
	under five 8	Average 5.3

August 1921

29th – School reassembled after summer holiday. No teacher has yet been appointed to fill Miss Coughlan's place. Class III will for the present be taken by Mrs Froud V.C.

31st – Miss Crawshaw who is going to Salisbury College, left today.

September 1921

1st – Miss Etheridge, V, has been appointed as V.C in place of Miss Crawshaw and commenced work today.

Diocesan inspector's report Examination 15th July

The religious instruction of this school is satisfactory. The children knew their work well and answered intelligently. In the second Division I received some particularly good answers.

The written work was neat and accurate.

The first class did some good compositions on Bible subjects.

The repetition as a whole was good.

The singing was careful and reverent.

D.F Slimeck

Diocesan inspector

PS : Some pictures (eg. Nelson's) would be found useful for the younger children.

2 nd - On books,	over five 86	Average 76.1
	under five 7	Average 5.8

9 th - On books,	over five 87	Average 81.8
	under five 7	Average 5.9

School attendance officer visited the school and took the names of some irregular children.

16 th - On books,	over five 87	Average 81.7
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under five 7 Average 6

23rd – Class III (Stds I and II) is still without a regular teacher. Mrs Froud V.C has taken the class since the holidays and the infant class has been taken by Miss King (monitress). Class III made the best attendance this week with 98 %.

30th – Visited the school and examined the registers which were found to be correct.
F.W Peverelle

On books,	over five 87	Average 78.9
	under five 7	Average 4.3

October 1921

3rd – School inspected by Mr Chadwick, H.M.I.

4th – Inspection of school garden.

7 th - On books,	over five 87	Average 78.8
	under five 7	Average 4

14 th - On books,	over five 87	Average 76.9
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School attendance officer called and took names of several irregular children.

21 st - On books,	over five 89	Average 73.3
	under five 7	Average 3.7

Several children are absent owing to colds and sore throats. Miss Hawkins S commenced duty on 17th.

24th –Broke up (4 pm) for half term holiday to reopen 1st November.
On books, 95 Average 88.5

November 1921

1st – Reopened after mid term holiday.

4 th - On books,	96	Average 71.1
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8th – The attendance officer called today and warned several irregular children.

11th – Today being the anniversary of Armistice Day, the children were taken to Church during recreation time at 10.55 am and returned to school at 11.05.

On books,	over five 90	Average 73.9
	under five 7	Average 4.4

16th – A very wet and stormy morning only 41 present.
Registers were not marked in the afternoon.

18 th - On books,	over five 94	Average 78.2
	under five 6	Average 4.3

23rd – Dr Thompson visited the school to ascertain if there were any cases of diphtheria among the scholars of this school or any cases of sore throat which might give rise to suspicion. No cases had been reported but he advised the formation of gargling classes.

24th – Dr Thompson's suggestion will be carried out daily at 12 noon until the epidemic is over.

25 th - On books,	over five 94	Average 80.6
	under five 6	Average 4.2

December 1921

2 nd - On books,	over five 94	Average 80.5
	under five 6	Average 4

7th – Nurse Jones inspected the school this morning to discover if there were any children in verminous conditions.
15 were excluded from attendance.

9 th - On books,	over five 94	Average 75.2
	under five 6	Average 3.2

12th – The term examinations were commenced today. The time table will therefore not be strictly adhered to during the coming week.

20th – Visited the school and found the registers correct.
F.W Peverelle

22nd – Closed school for Xmas holiday.

On books,	over five 93	Average 71.8
	under five 6	Average 3.8

1922

January 1922

9th – Reopened after Christmas vacation. A case of diphtheria has been reported from Stapehill. The boy, Albert White, has been isolated and there are no children attending from the same house.

13 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 75.9
	under five 6	Average 3.8

19th – Owing to the heavy rains it has been quite impossible to take Practical Gardening. The time was given to notes and sketches.

20th – The attendance this week has been very low owing to inclement weather and the prevalence of colds etc., several children have been excluded on account of influenza. The attendance in the infant class is under 50 %.

On books,	over five 89	Average 67
	under five 6	Average 2.4

27th – The head master has been away from school during the past week owing to a severe attack of influenza.

On books,	over five 89	Average 65.9
	under five 6	Average 2

Several families are still absent from school owing to influenza.

February 1922

3 rd - On books,	over five 90	Average 64.5
	under five 5	Average 2.7

2nd – Dr Walters held a medical examination of the school children today. The attendance is still very low owing to the prevalence of colds and influenza.

10th – There has been an improvement in the attendance this week in the infant class and classes I and II. There are however six cases of influenza in class III. The attendance of this class has gradually decreased from 214 to 154 (weekly totals) since 13th January.

On books,	over five 90	Average 70.5
	under five 5	Average 1.5

17 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 65.6
	under five 5	Average 1.8

Class III has a low average attendance owing to some fresh cases of influenza having broken out.

23rd – Four loads of manure were delivered by Mr King, Littlemoors Farm, at the school gardens.

24th – Attendance is improving in the lower standards and the infant class had the highest percentage this week with 98.

On books over five 92 (733 totals), average 73.3

On books under five 5 (20), average 2.

March 1922

1st – Miss Mary Helen Vacher commenced work as monitress today.

3rd – Owing to the inclement weather yesterday, Practical Gardening was not possible so the lesson was taken this afternoon 1.30 to 2.30.

On books,	over five 94	Average 80.3
	under five 3	Average 2

Ada King (monitress) left 28th February.

10 th - On books,	over five 94	Average 81.2
	under five 3	Average 1.8

Standards III and IV won the attendance banner this week with a percentage of 98.18.

17 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 82.5
	under five 3	Average 1.6

24 th - On books,	over five 91	Average 84.6
	under five 3	Average 1.8

28th – Visited the school and found registers correct. F W Peverelle.

31st – Miss G.P Etheridge left today (V.C)

On books,	over five 92	Average 84.4
	under five 3	Average 1.8

Total average for year ending 31st March 1922 : 80.74

April 1922

3rd – Miss A Patten commenced work as V.C. today and has been given charge of class III.

Only 32 children arrived in school today the weather being very wet and stormy. Two were sent home as they were very wet and the remainder were kept in school during the usual hours but registers were not marked.

7 th - On books,	over five 92	Average 79.8
	under five 3	Average 1.6

12th – Broke up today for Easter holiday.

On books,	over five 92	Average 79.8
	under five 3	Average 1.6

24th – Reopened after Easter holiday.

Measles has broken out in Stapehill and several children are absent on that account.

28 th - On books,	over five 88	Average 63.3
	under five 3	Average 1.9

Several more children have measles. A list of those affected has been sent to the school medical officer.

May 1922

5 th - On books,	over five 87	Average 58.3
	under five 3	Average 1.3

Application sent to SMO (School Medical Officer) for advice re. Closing school owing to measles outbreak. School was closed on Tuesday 2nd May to allow teachers who were members of Ferndown Choral Society to attend the Festival at Weymouth.

9th – School closed today by order of the School Medical Officer. Number present 55.

29th – Reopened after closure. Only 45 present. Several fresh cases reported. Wired Medical Officer for advice re. further closure. Reply "Extend closure to 12th June".

June 1922

12th – Reopened. 56 present. One case of scarlet fever reported but no fresh cases of measles.

16 th - On books,	over five 83	Average 53.6
	under five 4	Average 2

19th – Mr Chadwick H.M.I visited the school 10 am to 3.55 pm.

22nd – Medical inspection of school children 1.30 to 4 pm.

23rd - On books, over five 83 Average 61.4
 under five 4 Average 2

Children still absent, contracted measles during closure of school and are not yet free from infection.

Received notice of Scripture examination.

Gardening was taken this afternoon instead of yesterday as the children were wanted for medical inspection.

30th – Visited the school and tested the registers which were found satisfactory. F.W Peverelle.

On books, over five 87 Average 69.3
 under five 4 Average 3.4

July 1922

5th – Rev. Addison examined the school in religious knowledge. A holiday was given in the afternoon.

7th - On books, over five 83 Average 57
 under five 3 Average 2.3

Several children are still absent through measles. Monday and Tuesday were wet days hence the low average given above.

10th – The attendance officer called today 11 am.

Miss Patten V.C (II class) whose father died of cancer yesterday, will not resume her duties till Friday.

12th – Parochial Fête held in rectory grounds. Holiday in the afternoon. School room required for teas.

14th – Miss Patten returned to duties today (am).

21st - On books, over five Average
 under five Average

26th – Broke up for summer holiday.

On books, over five 84 Average 67.3
 under five 2 Average 1

August 1922

22nd – Reopened after summer holiday.

September 1922

1 st - On books,	over five 84	Average 75.4
	under five 1	Average 1

The Rector visited this afternoon.

7th – Warned the children against eating quantities of unripe nuts.

8 th - On books,	over five 83	Average 76.1
	under five 1	Average 0.8

Attendance officer called on the 6th and took the names of some irregular children.

15 th - On books,	over five 82	Average 78.4
	under five 1	Average 0.9

18th – Received school material from Arnold and Son, Leeds.

22 nd - On books,	over five 82	Average 75.6
	under five 1	Average 0.2

The attendance in the infant class has been poor this week owing to sickness.

29 th - On books,	over five 82	Average 72.3
	under five 1	Average 0

The decrease in our attendance is owing to the absence of children suffering from colds.

October 1922

3rd – Mr Andrews S.A.O called 11.30 am. (School Attendance Officer).

Diocesan Inspection Report Inspected 15th July 1922

In spite of the fact that this school has been closed for a long period on account of epidemics, the children all through the school show a very considerable religious knowledge. The children in groups I, II and III were able to apply the lessons of the selected portions of the Bible and Prayer Book. They have been taught to relate their various portions of the syllabus to each other. I noticed a great interest in the religious teaching and in many children enjoyment of the lessons.

An excellent syllabus has been drawn up and it is evident that much thought and care are given to the teaching of religion. The written work was accurate and thoughtful. The repetition was said very well. The singing of the hymns was tuneful and reverent.

Lancelot Addison
Diocesan Inspector

6th - On books, over five 81 Average 70.5
 under five 1 Average 0

Rev. Sheldon gave an address to the children this morning 9.10 to 9.45 on work in the mission field.

Several children are still absent owing to colds.

11th – Visited the school and tested the register. Found the registers correct. F. W Peverelle.

13th - On books, over five 82 Average 71.2
 under five 1 Average 0

There are three cases of whooping cough and one of measles among the scholars. A number of children are away with bad colds.

20th - On books, over five 83 Average 64.7
 under five 1 Average 0

27th - On books, over five 83 Average 66.3
 under five 1 Average 0

26th – Closed for mid-term holiday.

31st – Reopened after mid term holiday.

November 1922

3rd – School attendance officer called today.

On books, over five 83 Average 67
 under five 1 Average 0

1st – A very wet and stormy day. Only 26 arrived. Registers were not marked either in morning or afternoon but usual lessons were taken. Dismissed at 3.45 pm the weather having cleared somewhat at that time.

7th – The school attendance officer called today.

Owing to the wet weather, Practical Gardening was impossible yesterday. Each boy drew a plan of his garden and a lesson was given on the Cropping scheme.

9th – Dr Walters conducted the periodical medical inspection 9.30 to 11.30 am.

Nurse Elliott visited this morning at 11 am and inspected verminous conditions among the children.

10 th - On books,	over five 83	Average 67.6
	under five 1	Average 0

The wet weather this week has affected the attendance.

17 th - On books,	over five 83	Average 75.8
	under five 1	Average 0

In balancing up the quarters attendance in the class registers, it was found that the weekly total in Class II for the week ending 22nd September had been entered as 264 instead of 254. The summary was corrected.

21st – The attendance officer called today.

24th - On books, over five 83 Average 79.2
The registers – Admission – Attendance and Summary have been sent to Dorchester for inspection. During next week, temporary register will be used.

December 1922

1st – ON register 82, average 78.6.

8th – Dr Robinson, School Medical Officer, visited the school this afternoon and inspected the medical cards.
On register 83, average 80.9

11th – Visited the school and found the registers correct.
J. W Wheeler

15th – The term. examinations have been conducted this week and in consequence the time table has not been strictly adhered to.
On books 83, average 75.3

22nd – On books 83, average 68.7
The managers decided that the school should close today for the Christmas holiday.

1923

January 1923

8th – Reopened after Xmas vacation.
New admission book received from Dorchester.

12th – Number on books, 83, average for week 76.3.

19th – The attendance in the lowest part of the school has been very poor this week owing to colds and coughs, especially among the children of the infant class.
Number on books 82, average 68.6

26th – Number on books 83, average 69.9

A number of children are still away with bad colds.

February 1923

2nd – Number on books 83, average 72.6
The attendance officer called yesterday, 11 am.

7th – A very wet and stormy morning. Only 40 children present. Registers were marked and ordinary routine taken.

9th – Number on books 85, average 68.5.

16th – Number on books 86, average 77.9.

23rd – Only one garden lesson was possible this week owing to exceptionally wet weather. The ground, being a heavy clay soil, was quite unworkable and an oral lesson on seeds was therefore given in the school room.

On books over five 85, average 76.5

ON books under five 1, average 1

The school dentist called this afternoon and examined the teeth of children of 6 and 7 years old.

26th – A heavy gale with rain was blowing this morning, several roads are flooded. Only 28 children present. As the attendance was so small, registers were not marked, but the usual lessons were taken.

March 1923

2nd – On registers 86, average 73.3

Teachers signed agreement to 5 % reduction in salaries.

6th – The attendance officer called this morning.

9th – On registers 86, average 79.2.

15th – Owing to the very wet weather, Practical Gardening was impossible last Monday and today. The boys were engaged in folding paper for seed packets.

16th – On register 87, average 79.4.

19th – Commenced term examination today. The time table will not be strictly adhered to this week.

23rd – On register 87, average 81.9.

26th – Owing to wet weather, Practical Gardening was impossible today. Oral lesson and notes.

27th – County exam. In arithmetic and English Paper A taken this morning. Gardening in afternoon.

28th – County exam. Continued today, Paper B, children over 11.

28th – Rev. F. Peverelle tested the attendance registers which were found to be correct.

Broke up 4 pm for Easter holiday.

April 1923

9th – Reopened after Easter holiday.

12th – Attendance officer called today.

The school dentist treated 8 children for teeth defects at 12 o'clock.

13th – On registers 84, average 79.7.

18th – By special sanction of the education committee, an alteration was made in the time table for today in order to allow teachers and children taking part to attend the singing competitions at Wimborne in the afternoon. Held by the D.C.A.

Secular work was commenced at 9 am and registers finally closed. At 11 am one hour's break was given. School reassembled at 12 and dismissed at 2.

The school was successful in retaining the cup for another year.

20th – On books 85, average 81.5

26th – Today being the wedding day of H.R.H the Duke of York, a holiday was given in accordance with this majesty's wishes.

27th – On books 84, average 75.5.
Wednesday was a very wet day and the average was lower on that account.

May 1923

4th – With finer weather the attendance has improved.
On books 84, average 81.4 = 97 %

11th – ON books 86, average 80.6 = 93.7 %

15th – A holiday was given today to allow the teachers who were all members of competing choirs to attend the Choral Festival at Weymouth.

18th – On books 86, average 80.3
Broke up for Whitsun holiday.

28th – Reopened after Whitsun holiday.

30th – Mr Pawle HMI visited the school 10 am to 4.15 pm

June 1923

1st – On books 86, average 78.3.
Rev. F. Peverelle visited in the afternoon.

12th – Visited school, checked registers and found all correct. Children well behaved and attendance good.
Signature

5th – Scripture exam 9.45 – 12.00
On books week ending 8th June, 86 – Average 79.

15th – On books 86, average 78.1

22nd – On books 88, average 80.1

Copy of government report after inspection by C.D Pawle Esq H.M.I, 30th May 1923

1. The comments of the first paragraph of the last report, 14th February 1921, still apply. The children are not sufficiently attentive and responsive and do not put forth their best efforts.
2. The problems of organisation has changed, as two of the assistant teachers have been replaced. The head master has written thoughtful, discriminating and helpful comments for the guidance of the assistant teachers. It is necessary, however, to exercise continuous supervision to see that practical effect is given to the hints offered, particularly in the second class, where the teacher is inexperienced.
3. More scope is now being given to the children of the top class, but independent study needs further development, and the schemes in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd need some reconsideration as some of the subjects are not suitable and there is too much revision of back work.
4. The good points mentioned in the last report are again to be noticed. Singing continues to be a strong subject. A wider selection of poetry passages is desirable. The physical exercises are performed fairly well but they need to be more vigorous and precise. The games are enjoyed. The written exercises are systematically corrected. Handwriting should be much better formed. Much of it is too small and cramped. Some creditable handwork is taken with the junior children.
5. There are a number of very backward children in each class needing special attention.
6. The new teacher of the infants class manages the children nicely and shows good promise.
7. The school library is being developed and some framed pictures have been provided, also chairs and tables for the infants, replacing the unsuitable desks.
8. It is rather disappointing that there is not more marked progress to report.

To improve the general discipline of the school, more especially the children's interest in their lessons and their powers of oral expression, suggestions were offered at the conclusion of this visit with regard to the teaching of arithmetic and the English subjects.

Signed FW Peverelle
Correspondent for the managers

School staff

Class I – A H Brobers, head master, trained and certificated
Class III, Mrs S Froud, Assistant, uncertificated
Class II, Miss A Patten, Assistant, uncertificated
Infants, Miss Hawkins, Assistant supplementary

Report on religious instruction Inspection 5th June 1923

The school is going good work in religious instruction. Throughout the school, the selected Bible stories are well known and the religious lessons they teach are satisfactorily apprehended. Catechism and Prayer book portions are also thoroughly known.

The written work of Groups I, II and III was very neatly done and in all cases a very satisfactory standard of accuracy was attained. The work of the groups was very well expressed.

The syllabus followed is generally satisfactory though somewhat over weighted with O.T stories in groups I and II. An attempt should be made to include the church history stories suggested in the Diocesan Syllabus.

**Sydney C Winterton
Senior Diocesan Inspector**

20th – On books 88, average 79.3

July 1923

6th – On books 88, average 80.9

11th – The annual church garden fête took place this afternoon in the park at Longham House. A section of the school children gave displays in maypole dancing. A day's holiday was given.

12th – The temperature in the schoolroom this afternoon at 1.30 pm was 92° and many of the smaller and some of the older children were in a state of collapse and under the circumstances rigorous work was impossible.

13th – On books 88, average 81.5

20th – On books 88, average 78.2

27th – On books 87, average 79.9

31st – Broke up for the summer holidays.
On books 87, average 72.5

September 1923

3rd – Reopened after summer vacation, 73 present out of 76. It is unfortunate that there are no younger children to take the places of those who have left. The number of scholars in the infant class is now only 14.

7 th - On books,	over five 73	Average 71.1
	under five 3	Average 2.7

13th – Medical inspection 1.30 to 4.00 pm.

14th – Miss Patten has been absent from duty for two days owing to illness. The class II was taken by Mrs Froud with Std II and Std I worked with the infants.

On books,	over five 76	Average 73.5
	under five 3	Average 2.8

The second class made a perfect attendance this week and were allowed to go home at 10 minutes to 4.

21st – Miss Patten returned to duty 17th September.

On books,	over five 76	Average 70.6
	under five 3	Average 2.6

27th – Visited school and tested registers. All correct. Attendance very good only one absentee in the whole school.

F.W Peverelle, correspondent.

October 1923

3rd – Very wet day.

5 th - On books,	over five 75	Average 72.3
	under five 3	Average 3

12th – An exceptionally wet and stormy day, only 41 present. Hence the weekly average have been lowered.

On books,	over five 75	Average 68.1
	under five 3	Average 2.7

19 th - On books,	over five 75	Average 71.1
	under five 3	Average 3

26th – Heavy gales with hail and rain have kept several children from school during the past week. The attendance officer called on Monday 22nd.

On books,	over five 75	Average 67.6
	under five 3	Average 2.8

November 1923

1st – Closed school for autumn half term holiday. 12 noon. Reopen 9 am on Tuesday 6th.

During the past month, the average attendance has been 95 % hence an extra half day was given in accordance with the rule of E.A.

On books,	over five 72	Average 71.1
	under five 3	Average 3

9 th - On books,	over five 72	Average 70.7
	under five 3	Average 3

16th – The following registers were sent to the Education Office Dorchester today for inspection in accordance with instructions.

Temporary records will be kept in the meantime.

On books,	over five 72	Average 69.9
	under five 3	Average 72 (???)

23 rd - On books,	over five 72	Average 68.2
	under five 3	Average 2.5

Miss K. Elliott, C.C Health Visitor, visited the school this morning and examined the children in regard to cleanliness. Five children were excluded as being in a verminous condition.

30 th - On books,	over five 76	Average 67.6
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Owing to severe frost, gardening operations were impossible except on one afternoon.

December 1923

7 th - On books,	over five 76	Average 70.9
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12th – Head master absent owing to attack of influenza. School in charge of Mrs Froud V.C

14th – Head master returned today.
ON books 76, average 73.7

19th – Visited the school and tested the registers which were all in order.
F.W Peverelle
Broke up for Christmas holiday 12 noon.

1924

January 1924

7th – Reopened after Xmas vacation.

11th - On books, over five 73 Average 66.1
 under five 71 Average 64.7

The small attendance this week is due to wet weather. No practical gardening has been possible.

20th - On books, 71 Average 61.6

February 1924

1st - On books, over five 71 Average 66.8
Garden seeds for 1924 received 30th January 1924
On books, 71 Average 66.8

8th – On books 72 Average 68.2

13th – Four loads of farmyard manure delivered at school gardens today.

15th – On books 72 Average 68
Several children have been absent with influenza and colds during the past week.

22nd – On books 72 Average 66.2
The average is again low owing to sickness.

29th – On books 74 Average 68.9

March 1924

5th – Class III were taken for a nature walk this morning to note trees and birds.

7th – On books 77 Average 70.5
Several children have been absent during the week owing to colds.

13th – Commenced seed sowing in school gardens.

14th – On books 78 Average 74.5

21st – On books 79 Average 75.1

The county schools examination was held on Tuesday and Wednesday 18th and 19th March at 9.50 am.

28th – On books 79 Average 68.6

April 1924

2nd – Mr Chadwick H.M.I visited the school 10 am.

4th – On books 80 Average 73.9

11th – On books 80 Average 75.2

16th – Broke up for Easter holiday.
On books 80 Average 65.8

28th – Reopened after Easter holiday.

May 1924

2nd – On books 77 Average 70.7

9th – On books 75 Average 68

16th – Mr Arch County Horticultural Instructor visited the school gardens 11 to 12 am.
On books 76 Average 65.6

23rd – Empire Day celebrations.

The managers were represented by Mr Aldridge and Miss M Wheeler. Several parents were present.
On books 77 Average 73.5

29th – Ascension Day. The children (except the R.C3) attendance service in church at 11 am and returned to school at 11.30. No Scripture lesson was given but secular work commenced at 9 am.

30th – On books 76 Average 65.7
A number of children throughout the school have this week, and during a part of last week, been taken with feverishness accompanied by headache and indigestion or sickness. This has considerably reduced the average attendance.

June 1924

4th – Broke up for Whitsun holiday.

Reopen 16th June.

Miss N. Stewart visited the school on Monday 2nd June at 9 am and inspected the needlework.

16th – Reopened after Whitsun holiday.

20th – On books 76 Average 70.8

27th – On books 76 Average 72.7

Examination of religious knowledge held today by Rev. L. Addison.
A holiday was given in the afternoon.

30th – Visited the school and tested the register finding all correct.
FWP

July 1924

2nd – Longham Chapel Sunday School outing today. Consequently there was a smaller attendance than usual.

4th – On books 76 Average 68.3

11th – On books 77 Average 74.6

16th – The annual Parish fête was held this afternoon in the rectory grounds. 24 of the school children did some Maypole dancing and teachers helped with the arrangements. A holiday was therefore given in the afternoon.

18th On books 77 Average 73.5

25th – On books 77 Average 74.2

Mr Arch, Gardening Supervisor , visited the school gardens today at 11.45 am.

Copy Diocesan Inspection Report 27th June 1924

**This school continues to do good work in religious instruction.
The work is carefully planned and taught. The children are keen and intelligent and they answered my questions well.**

The selected portions of the Bible are well known and the children are taught to discover the meaning of the stories. The work in the catechism and Prayer Book was up to the normal standard. The repetition was well taken.

The written work done by groups 1 and 2 was accurate and well expressed.

**Lancelot Addison
Diocesan Inspector**

28th – Very wet and stormy. Only 38 present in morning and afternoon. Registers not marked but usual lessons taken. The rector visited in the afternoon.

30th – Broke up for summer holidays. To reassemble 1st September.
On books 77 Average 68.5

September 1924

1st – School reopened after summer holiday. New stock arrived from Arnolds of Leeds.

5th – On books 76 Average 73.5.

12th – On books 76 Average 72.6

19th – On books 77 Average 73.5

The gardening boys made a contribution of beet, parsnips and leeks for the harvest festival, to be held on 21st at Hampreston Church.

24th – School piano tuned.

26th – A very wet and stormy week.

On books 77 Average 70.5

Thursday was too wet for Practical Gardening so class spent the time in sketching and note taking.

30th – Visited the school and tested the registers. Found everything correct.
F.W Peverelle

October 1924

3rd – On register 80, average 74.7.

8th – Miss K. Elliott, health visitor, inspected the whole of the children today.

10th – On books 80 average 75.2.

Owing to wet weather on Wednesday, the average is lower than it would have otherwise been.

13th – Medical inspection today.

17th – On books 80, average 75.3.

24th – On books 80, average 74.3.
Broke up for mid term holiday.

30th – Reopened after mid term holiday.

31st – On books 73 over five, average 65.5
9 under five, average 7.5.

November 1924

3rd – Owing to wet weather, Practical Gardening was not possible today. Notes and sketches taken instead.

4th – Gardening taken 1.30 to 2.30. Girls took drawing.

7th – On books 82, average 77.6.

14th – On books 82, average 75.8.
Several children are away with bad colds.

21st – On register 82, average 75.2

28th – On register 82, average 73.4

25th – The past has been an exceptionally wet and stormy week. There was a terrific gale on Wednesday and the attendance has consequently suffered.

December 1924

5th – On books 82, average 77.2

12th – On books 80, average 77.3.

17th – Visited the school and checked the registers, finding all correct. FW Peverelle.

19th – Broke up for Christmas holiday.

1925

January 1925

5th – Reopened after Xmas holiday. Owing to the abnormal rains and gales many of the roads have been flooded. Many children are away with colds or are unable to come to school on account of the floods.

9th – On books 77, average 63.2

16th – On books 77, average 68.8

23rd – On books 77, average 66.2

30th – There has been a considerable amount of sickness among the scholars from bad colds due to the recent very wet weather. No gardening operations have been possible this week.

On books 77, average 61.4

February 1925

6th – On books 76, average 68.3

11th – A holiday was granted this afternoon to enable the teachers to attend an art lecture at Dorchester given by Mr Cox, H.M.I.

On books 76, average 66.2.

13th – A number of children are absent suffering from influenza colds. Miss Patten has been absent from duty since 9th, owing to an attack of influenza.

11th – On 11th December, the attendances in Class I were inadvertently marked in the column for 18th February owing to two leaves of the register having stuck together in turning over. When this was discovered in the afternoon, the attendances were transferred to the proper column and I have today corrected the totals and marks for the 18th February.

Miss Patten returned to duty last Monday 16th February.

20th – An increasing number of children are away with bad influenza colds.

Today 53 were present out of 76.

On books 76, average 60.1.

24th – Miss Amy Patten has had a second attack of influenza and both she and Mrs Froud who is also ill are absent from duty today. Miss Hawkins is teaching infants and standards I and II and I am taking the 1st and 2nd class.

27th – Owing to the absence of two teachers during the week, it has not been possible to adhere strictly to the time table.
On books 76, average 40.
30 children are absent with influenza.

March 1925

2nd – Visited the school and checked attendance register. Many children absent owing to sickness : 48 present out of a total of 76 on the books. Two teachers also absent.

5th – Mrs Froud and Miss Patten returned to duty today.

6th – On books 76, average 57.8.

13th – Attendance is gradually reaching normal and influenza epidemic is dying out.
On books 76, average 61.

20th – On books 75, average 68.1.

27th – On books 79, average 72.

April 1925

3rd – On books 79, average 71.1.

10th – On books 79, average 69.6.

7th – Mr Pawle H.M.I visited the school today. 10.15 am to 3.30 pm.

8th – Broke up in the morning for the Easter holidays.

20th – Reopened after Easter holidays.
There are still several children away with bad colds and two cases of whooping cough have been reported.

24th – On books 79, average 65.3.

May 1925

1st – On books 80, average 66.4.

8th – Practical gardening was impossible except on one day this week owing to wet weather.
On books 80, average 67.5.

15th – On books 80, average 74.2.
Standards I and II (Class III) made perfect attendance this week.

22nd – On books 80, average 72.1.

25th – Empire day was celebrated today.

The managers were represented by the Rector Rev. F. Peverelle, Mr Hudson and Mr T Sutton. The Rev. Speak, Curate of Ferndown, was also present. After prayers and registration, instruction on "the Empire" was given to the various classes by their teachers. At 10.10 am recreation was taken and the school assembled in the main room at 10.30. Proceedings were begun by the singing of "Empire and Motherland" by the 1st and 2nd class scholars. This was followed by a short address given by the rector. The Old English Song "Dye Ken John Peel" was then sung by the 3rd class at the conclusion of which the Rev. Speak gave an address on the Christian aspect of Empire. After the singing of songs by the infant group, the meeting was concluded with a ??? of thanks and cheers for the rector and managers and an address by the head teacher. The school was then paraded in the yards and marched up the village. The scholars formed a square in the playground and the National Anthem was sung after which each child was presented with a bun and an orange, the gift of Mrs T. Sutton. A large number of parents attended. A holiday was given in the afternoon.

27th – A very wet and stormy morning.
Only 46 children present.

29th – School closed for Whitsun holiday, 12 noon. To reassemble on Monday June 8th.

June 1925

8th – Reassembled after the Whitsuntide vacation.

10th – Rev. L Addison, Diocesan Inspector visited the school today and examined the children in religious knowledge,

12th – On books 81, average 73.6.

19th – Visited the school and tested the registers finding all correct. FW Peverelle.
ON books $79 + 2 = 81$, average 75.9

24th – Church Parochial Fête held in rectory grounds. A holiday was given in the afternoon.

26th – On books 80, average 75.1

July 1925

3rd – On books 81, average 75.6

10th – Gardening boys completed weeding gardens today as recent rain has made the ground softer.

Number on books 82, average 77.5.

13th – Commenced summer term examination today. During the week the time table will not be strictly adhered to.

17th – On books 82, average 78.

Copy Diocesan Report School inspected 10th June 1920

**The school as a whole is doing good work in religious instruction.
The children in the infant group gave a good account of their knowledge of the selected Bible stories.**

The children in group 3 gave very bright and intelligent answers to questions. The work of this group was really well done.

Special mention is made of the Old Testament and Catechism work.

The children in group 2 also did well.

The children in group 1 display an interest in and knowledge of their religious instruction above the normal. They answered well to my questions especially with regard to the acts of the apostles.

The written work was accurate and well expressed.

Lancelot Addison Diocesan inspector

22nd – Two Sunday school outings today, Longham chapel and Stapehill. Attendance was affected by 50 %.

24th – On books 82, average 72.4.

29th – Closed school today for summer holiday.

August 1925

31st – School was reopened this morning but less than half the scholars arrived due to a rumour that the school would not be reopened till the 1st of September. After consultation with the rector, those children were sent home and the registers were not marked.

September 1925

1st – Opened school after summer holiday.

4th – On books 75, average 70.2.

11th – On books 76, average 69.5.

Mr Andrews, S.A.O (School attendance officer) visited the school today.

17th – Mr Arch, gardens supervisor, visited the school gardens this morning, 11 to 12.

18th – On books 75, average 70.2.

Nurse Elliott visited the school today 11 to 12 and examined each child as to cleanliness.

25th – On books 75, average 68.7.

Several children are away with bad colds.

29th – Visited the school and tested the registers finding all correct. F W Peverelle.

October 1925

2nd – On books 73, average 68.5.

9th – On books 73, average 68.6.

Medical inspection of school today.

16th – On books 70, average 66.4.

23rd – On books 71, average 63.6.

Owing to wet weather, gardening has been impossible. The time has been devoted to oral instruction and notes.

29th – School closed at noon for half term holiday, to reassembled on 3rd November.
On books 72, average 65.8

November 1925

3rd – Reopened after half term holiday.

Hampreston Lane flooded, small attendance.

5th – Head master ill with lumbago. School in charge of Mrs Froud, U.,C.

6th - On books 72, average 58.5.

12th – Master returned to duty this afternoon.

13th – On books 73, average 62.8.

16th – Head teacher again absent owing to fresh chill and sciatica.

20th – On books 73, average 61.4.

20th – Head teacher returned to duty today.

27th – On books 73, average 60.3

December 1925

4th – On books 73, average 64.5

Miss Patten is away from school with a severe cold. Classes I and II taken by Head teacher.

10th – Miss Patten returned to duty today.

11th – On books 78, average 6.36.

15th – Visited the school and tested the registers finding all correct. F.W. Peverelle.
On books 72, average 65.

Closed school for Xmas holiday.

Miss R. Hawkins, supplementary (infants) left today. The Rector tested the registers.

1926

January 1926

5th – Reopened school after Xmas vacation.

Miss Westcombe U.C (registration number 19/24374) has been sent as a supply teacher to take charge of the infant class till the teacher appointed in place of Miss Hawkins (Mrs Vacher) is able to commence her duties.

8th – Owing to severe frost, it has been impossible to do any practical gardening. Lessons have been given in school on grafting. Practice with pieces of twigs.

On books 70, average 58.8.

11th – Gardening was taken today but the ground was in a bad condition.

15th – On books 71, average 57.7.

A case of measles has occurred in Hampreston and the child has been excluded.

22nd – On books 71, average 52.6.

Miss Ada King (Supplementary) has been appointed on the staff in place of Miss Hawkins.

29th – On books 68, average 59.6.

Miss Westcombe left today.

February 1926

1st – Miss Ada King commenced today as infant teacher.

5th – On books 69, average 60.9

12th – On books 68, average 61.6

Dr Walker medically examined the children today, 2 to 3.15 pm.

19th – Gardening was taken this afternoon instead of yesterday, when the ground was too wet owing to the recent rains.

On books 68, average 58.4.

26th – On books 69, average 64.4.

March 1926

2nd – School's examination commenced 9.50 am

Closed 11.45

3rd – Second days exam. Commenced 9.50 am.
Closed 12 noon.

5th – On books 72, average 65.6.

12th – On books 72, average 61.1

19th – On books 72, average 63.5

Several children are absent owing to severe colds. One case of chicken pox and one of bronchitis.

30th – Visited the school. Tested registers and found all in order. F.W Peverelle.

31st – Closed school Easter holiday.
Head teacher has been absent from duties owing to illness since 22nd March.

April 1926

12th – School reopened. Head teacher returned to duty.
Mrs Scofield, certificated, commenced duties to day and has charge of Class II.

29th – I took charge of this school from today, during absence of Head master.
Florence M. Trenaman 14/547 (County staff teacher).

May 1926

3rd – Took charge of this school from today in absence of Headmaster. Reginald Carr
13/1964

4th – Acting Head teacher arrived late owing to suspension of train service due to general strike. Mrs Andrews, attendance officer, visited.

6th – Apparently entry referring to visit of H.M.I Barrow on 27th April has been omitted. Mr Arch, Supervising teacher of gardening, spent afternoon with class in garden.

7th – Average attendance for week 66.1. 74 on books. Alteration in Class II register (daily totals) initialled by me.

13th – School attended parish church at 9.15, being Ascension Day.

14th – Average 66.7, on books 74.

19th – Nurse Elliott visited school this morning and inspected children re. cleanliness.

21st – Average attendance for week 65.5, on books 74. School closed at mid day for Whitsun holiday.

31st – School reopened after Whitsun holiday.
Head teacher returned to duty today 9.00 am.

June 1926

5th – Average for week 60.9, on books 74.

7th – The Rector visited the school this morning 11 am.

8th – The second class went for a nature walk this morning. Subject : wild flowers.

11th – On register 74, average 67.2.

19th – A very heavy thunder storm prevented the boys taking Practical Gardening this afternoon. On oral lesson was given on insect pests.

18th – On books 74, average 68.1.

24th – Mr Morris, H.M.I. paid a visit to the school gardens today, 9.45 to 10.30 am/

28th – I have examined the registers and found them correct. T.H Sutton.

29th – National milk publicity lecture by Miss B James, Manager.

July 1926

2nd – Bon books, 74, average 67.7

7th – Sunday school outing. Holiday.

9th – On books 74, average 69.3.

12th – Mr Arch, Gardening supervisor, visited the school gardens today, 11 to 12 am.

16th – On books 73, average 70.

23rd – Scripture inspection today.
Rev. L. Addison examined 10 to 12.30.

On books 73, average 69.1.

29th – Closed school today for summer holiday.
On books 73, average 65.5

August 1926

31st – Reopened school again after summer vacation.

September 1926

3rd – Number on roll = 68, average 65.5

10th – Number on roll = 63, average 61.4

Taylor's of Little Canford removed to Moordown this last week, causing a reduction of 5 on the roll.

17th – On register 64, average 60.

Miss Elliott, welfare visitor, examined school children as to cleanliness 11 to 12 am.
Miss Dewey, physical ex. Organiser, paid a visit.

24th – On books 66, average 60.6.

30th – Visited the school and tested registers. Found all correct. R.W Peverelle.

Mr Arch, gardening supervisor, visited the school gardens today.

October 1926

8th – On books 67, average 62.2

15th – On books 67, average 62.6

A very wet day, several children absent.

20th – Managers meeting this morning to appoint a successor to Mrs Froud U.C who left on the 1st October after over 40 years service as teacher in this school.

22nd – On books 67, average 58.2

29th – On books 68, average 62.8

Closed school this afternoon for mid term holiday to reopen on Tuesday 2nd November.

November 1926

2nd – Miss Ballam commenced duties in place of Mrs Froud U.C. She has charge of the third class (Stds I and II).

5th – Very wet and stormy day. Only 18 children present in the morning and 29 in afternoon. Registers were not marked all day.

On books 68, average for week 65.1.

8th – Wet and windy morning. Longham Lane and Stapehill Road are flooded and impassable. Only 19 children arrived this morning, 18 present in afternoon. Registers were not marked but the children were kept at work with the exception of Hampreston village children. Those present were brought in covered vans.

9th – H.M.I Mr Barrow paid a visit of inspection 9.30 to 3.30 pm.

12th – Practical Gardening was taken this afternoon as the ground was in a somewhat better condition. Owing to the rains and floods, no practical lessons have been possible since 4th November.

On books 67, average for week 60.1.

19th – On books 67, average for week 60
Several children are absent from school with severe colds.

Copy of Government report on gardening class

Inspected 24th June 1926

Report by H.M.I Mr Johnson

The Head teacher returned to duty a fortnight ago after five weeks absence through illness. In the circumstances the condition of the garden may be described as creditable. The boys work well and their plots are clean. They have been taught grafting.

The girls attend to flower borders and other classes in the school use the garden for nature study.

The aims of note-taking do not appear to have been considered sufficiently. Notes are copied from a printed book and their application to the practical work on hand is not realised. Such notes might well give place to records of varieties of vegetables grown in the garden, observations on the progress of crops, particulars of rainfall etc.

Tools are stored in a cloak room and they are not well cleaned after use.

**Copy of Government report on school
Inspected 9th November 1926
Report by H.M.I Mr C.D Pawle**

- 1- Since the last report was written in 1923, the progress of the children up to the age of 11 years has been generally satisfactory, but after that age it has been much less so. The promise shown by the junior children is not, in most instances, fulfilled.**
- 2- The infants are bright and active ; they learn to speak fairly distinctly, to recite and relate their stories intelligently and their handwork is varied and interesting. Care should be taken that sound notions are acquired in number before proceeding to "summing".**
- 3- The teacher responsible for the work of the next group has recently left after many years of very useful service. Her classes were always taught thoroughly and progress especially in arithmetic, composition and reading, was usually satisfactory. Her successor has had very little experience and will need considerable help from the Head teacher.**
- 4- The work of Standards III and IV is very promising. The teacher has improved with experience and is now doing good work ; while the teaching generally shows careful preparation, the results in arithmetic and composition are particularly praiseworthy.**
- 5- The top class is disappointing. The children find it difficult to express themselves clearly either orally or in writing. They cannot reason sufficiently well in arithmetic and with the exception of singing, generally appear to take but a casual interest in their work. The attempt to provide for the more advanced group is unsatisfactory. The notes in history and geography are frequently copied out carelessly and as aids to memory are of little value. This failure to arouse sufficient interest and effort has been remarked in both preceding reports of 1921 and 1923, in view of this grave defect, this school cannot be considered reasonably efficient.**
- 6- Signed F.W Peverelle**

26th – On books 72, average 66.2

December 1926

3rd – On books 71, average 63.3

10th – On books 71, average 59.4

17th – On books 66, average 57.1

21st – Visited the school and tested the registers finding all correct. F.W Peverelle

23rd – Closed school for Christmas holiday, pm, to reopen 11th January 1927

On books 65, average 49.5

Head teacher absent through illness for total of 9 weeks.

1927

January 1927

11th – Reopened school after Christmas vacation.

14th – Number on registers 64, average for week 61.

18th – A number of children are absent from school, reported to be suffering from colds.

21st – On registers 64, average 56.2.

25th – There appears to be a considerable amount of illness among the scholars. There are several cases of influenza in the neighbourhood.

28th – On registers 64, average 43.8

31st – Only twenty children present this morning. Correspondent wired to school medical officer for advice ref. Closure of school.

February 1927

1st – School closed on advice of SMO for one week.

7th – Closure extended for another week as influenza epidemic still very bad.

14th – School reopened. There are still several children who have not quite recovered from influenza. Number present 42 out of 64.

18th – On books 64, average 50.9

25th – On books 64, average 58.3

March 1927

4th – On books 64, average 59.3

9th – Medical inspection.

11th – There are still a number of children suffering from colds and owing to cold wet weather are unable to come to school.

18th – On books 64, average 58.6

25th – On books 64, average 52.7

The annual school exam was held on the 8th (9.50 to 10.50 am), 9th (10 to 11.30 am) and 10th (10 to 11 am).

31st – Visited the school to test the registers and found all in order. F.W Peverelle

April 1927

1st – Number on registers 64, average 61.5

8th – Number on registers 64, average 56.5

15th – Number on registers 64, average 59.2

14th – Broke up this morning for Easter holiday.

25th – Reopened school after Easter holiday.

27th – The third class were taken for a nature walk this afternoon 1.30 to 2.40 pm.

29th – The 1st and 2nd class were taken for a nature walk this morning 11 to 12 to study wild flowers and trees.

On registers 65, average 62.1

May 1927

6th – Class I were taken for a nature walk this morning to study flowers, trees and birds, 11 to 12. Class II have made a perfect attendance this week and were dismissed at 3.40 pm.

On books 65, average 61.4

Miss Dewy, organizer of physical training, visited the school on Tuesday 3rd May.

13th – On books 67, average 55.8.

18th – I have this day examined the register and found them correct. J.H Sutton, Manager

20th – On books 66, average 63.7

24th – Empire Day celebration in morning, holiday pm.

27th – On books 66, average 64

Empire day

School assembled as usual at 9 am. Religious instruction was taken till 9.40, after which lessons were given by the teachers on The British Empire till 10.30. At 10.45 all classes assembled in the main room to hear an address given by Captain Ewart of Ferndown. The managers were represented by MR T Sutton and Miss Wheeler who both spoke to the children on the subject of Empire. The Head teacher welcomed the visitors and gave a short address. Several parents and ex scholars were present. At intervals, the children sang patriotic songs and afterwards paraded the village and saluted the Union Jack, at the conclusion of which each child was presented with an Empire medal by Captain Ewart and with a bun and orange by the managers.

June 1927

2nd – Broke up for Whitsun holiday.

3rd – On books 67, average 64.1

13th – Reopened after Whitsun holiday.

17th – On books 67, average 59

24th – On books 67, average 57.7

Owing to heavy storms of wind and rain, many children were absent today. A half holiday was given on 22nd owing to annual Parish Fête.

Copy of Scripture report, received 21st June 1927 Inspection 23rd July 1926

This school is doing very good work in religious instruction. The children throughout the school have a very good knowledge of the selected Bible stories and passages. The New Testament was particularly well known. The repetition was very well taken. The children are keen and answered my questions intelligently and thoughtfully. The work was well up to the normal standard. The written work was accurate and well expressed. The singing of the hymns was well and reverently done.

**Lancelot Addison
Diocesan Inspector**

30th – Visited the school and tested the registers. A very wet day and good attendance considering this. F.W Peverelle

July 1927

8th – On registers 68, average 63.3

15th – On registers 68, average 61.4

22nd – On registers 66, average 60

A holiday was given on Wednesday 20th as both Longham Chapel and the Church annual outings were fixed for this date. Terminal examinations commenced today.

28th – Broke up for summer holidays.
On books 66, average 61.5

September 1927

5th – Reopened after summer holidays.

9th – On books 60, average 59

16th – On books 60, average 58.3

23rd – On books 60, average 54.7

Wet and stormy weather has resulted in a lower average attendance.

30th – Summary register sent to Dorchester for examination.

7th – On books 63, average 60.9

30th – Registers tested by Rector

October 1927

12th – C.D Pawle Esq. H.M.I Visited the school 9.30 – 4 pm

14th – On books 63, average 58.4

19th – A day's holiday was given today on account of the visit of H.R.H The Prince of Wales to Bournemouth

21st – On books 63, average 60.5

25th – Mr Oxley Wood, school dentist, visited the school and examined children's teeth, ages 6 – 7

28th – On books 63, average 56.3

November 1927

2nd – Miss Elliott (welfare nurse) visited the school this morning and examined all the children as to cleanliness.

5th – On books 63, average 56.9

9th – Visited the school to test the registers, found all in good order. F.W Peverelle

10th – Broke for mid term holiday. On book 62, average 57.5

15th – On books 62, average 67.5
Reopened after half term holiday.

17th – The Rector visited the school

12th October – Mr Pawle H.M.I paid a visit of inspection.

18th – On books 63, average 58.8

December 1927

2nd – On books 63, average 58.3

7th – The Rector paid a visit in the morning.

9th – On books 63, average 61.3

12th – Commenced term examinations – Reading and recitation

16th – On books 63, average 58.8
The time table was not strictly adhered to this week owing to the terminal examination being in progress.

22nd – Broke up for Christmas holidays.
On books 63, average 47.6

1928

January 1928

9th – Reopened after Christmas holiday

13th – On books 63, average 58.9

20th – On books 63, average 59.5

26th – Attendance officer visited. The Rector paid a visit to the school at 11 am.

27th – On books 63, average 55.8

February 1928

3rd – On books 63, average 60.9

10th – On books 64, average 59.6

13th – Very wet day, many children absent.

17th – On books 64, average 58
Gardening operations impossible owing to flood and rain.

16th – Medical inspection today by Dr Walters. 2.20 pm – 3.00 pm

24th – Fine weather has resulted in an improved attendance for the week.
On books 64, average 61.1
Garden seeds were received last Monday (20th) from Messrs Foot and Sons.

March 1928

2nd – Weather conditions prevented the gardening class receiving practical instruction out of doors yesterday. The time was spent in the schoolroom making and filling seed packets. The Rector visited the school this morning at 11.30.
On books 64, average 59.2

5th – Visited the school and tested the registers. Found all correct. Only four absent in the whole school.
F.W Peverelle

9th – On books 64, average 62.2

16th – On books 64, average 60.4

19th – Too wet for Practical gardening this afternoon. Lesson given in school on seed germination.

23rd – On books 64, average 59.

Two wet days this week caused a drop in the attendance.

April 1928

5th – Broke up for Easter holiday

On books 64, average 55.8

16th – Reopened after Easter holiday.

Miss Ballam and Miss Schofield are absent owing to influenza.

17th – Miss Ballam returned today.

Rector visited this morning.

20th – Standards III and IV have been taken by the Head teacher this week with the 1st class. Some alteration in the time has been necessary in consequence. On books 67, average 57.6. Several children are away with bad colds.

27th – Miss Schofield is still unable to resume her duties and is suffering from rheumatism of the throat following influenza.

27th – On books 69, average 64.7

May 1928

4th – Received a letter from Miss Schofield's father stating that she was still too ill to resume duties. Standard IV has been taken with Class I and standard III with Class II. Standard I children are at present being taught with the 1st class infants.

On books 72, average 65.7

18th – Mr C. Pawle H.M.I visited the school today. 9.30 am to 3.45 pm

Cold and wet day, 6 children absent from 1st class with colds.

On books 70, average 59.6

24th – Empire celebrations this morning (see overleaf).

Broke up for Whitsun holiday.

On books 70, average 62

The school assembled at the usual hour. From 9 to 9.30 prayers and religious instruction were taken. From 9.30 to 10.20, instruction was given by the teachers on the Empire. Recreation was taken till 10.30. The children were then all assembled in

the main room and proceedings were commenced with an Empire Song by the elder scholars. Speeches were given by Rev. F Peverelle, the Rev. C Fisher and the Head teacher with further songs by the children. A number of parents were present but it was unfortunate that the managers were only represented by the Rector. At 11.30 the whole school assembled in the yard, marched past and saluted the flag. Shortly after 12, the national anthem was sung and each child presented with a bun and orange.

June 1928

4th – Reassembled after Whitsun holiday.

8th – On books 72, average 65.5

12th – The Rector visited the school this morning.

15th – On books 74, average 70.1

Copy of report by H.M.I C.D Pawle Esq. after visit on 15th May 1928

- 1. The comments in the last report of 9th November 1926 have not received effective attention. The older children are not receiving instruction suited to their ages and ability. Their attainments are poor and they do not show sufficient interest in their work.**
- 2. There is a similar weakness in the teaching of the second class and the comments above might be repeated.**
- 3. The infants are managed in a bright and pleasant manner and are making satisfactory progress.**
- 4. One of the assistant teachers was absent at this visit through illness, but there were three teachers, 2 of them certificated for 63 children and this staff should be ample.**
- 5. In view of the remarks in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, and of the continued failure to arouse sufficient interest and effort from the children, this school must still be regarded as falling below a reasonable standard of efficiency.**
- 6. Matters concerning the premises have been referred to the managers through the authorities.**

Signed F.W Peverelle, Correspondent

20th – Church Parish Fête this afternoon. A half holiday was given as 24 children were taking part in Maypole dancing.

22nd – On books 74, average 67.1. The senior group took the county examination this week. The time table being as follows :

19th – Tuesday – Arithmetic A paper 10-11
English 2 to 3.30 pm
20th – Wednesday – Arithmetic B paper 10-11.30
21st Thursday – English (Essay) 2-2.35 pm

29th – On books 73, average 69
Mr Arch visited the school garden 28th 2.00 pm.

July 1928

3rd – On my visit to the school this morning, I tested the registers and found all in good order.
F. W Peverelle

6th – On registers 74, average 69.3

11th – Longham Chapel Sunday School outing today, only 43 children present.

13th – On books 74, average 64.6
Miss Ballam, who was under notice to leave at the end of last month, has been permitted to continue until Miss Schofield is well enough to return.

16th – Miss Schofield returned to duty today and has been put in charge of the Junior Division, consisting of standards I, II and III.

20th – On books 75, average 69.9

26th – On books 74, average 68.6
Closed for Summer holiday.

September 1928

3rd – Reopened school after summer vacation.

7th – On books 72, average 69.9
Miss M King, a student of Cheltenham Training College, has spent this week here for observation of teaching methods and practical teaching.

14th – On books 72, average 68.5
Miss King completed her practical training period in this school today.

21st – Visited the school and tested the registers and found all in good order. F. W Peverelle

21st – On registers 71, average 67.1

28th – A very wet day, only 34 present
On books 68, average 54.2

October 1928

5th – Very wet morning, only 44 children present.
On books 70, average 58.5

12th – On books 68, average 60.5

16th – Nurse Elliott examined all the children as to cleanliness

19th – On books 70, average 65.1

24th – Scripture examination 10 to 12.30 am
Holiday in afternoon.

26th – On books 70, average 66
Owing to wet stormy weather, it has been impossible to take Practical gardening.
Lessons have been given in school.

November 1928

1st – Broke up for mid term holiday to re-assemble 6th November.
On books 71, average 65.8

Copy Diocesan Inspector's report Inspected 24th October

**This school is doing very good work in Religious instruction.
The schemes of work are, for the most part, satisfactory in their form and contents, but the Prayer Book work in Group I should be more in keeping with the requirements of the Diocesan syllabus.
In each of the three groups, I found the children very well informed on all points dealt with in their lessons.
The details of the selected Bible stories were well known and their religious significance was well apprehended. Good use has been made of all memorised work. Catechism work is distinctly good. The written work was very creditably done. It was neat, well expressed and satisfactorily accurate.**

**Sydney C. Winterton
Senior Diocesan Inspector**

6th – Reassembled after mid term holiday.

15th – On registers 70, average 64.5

16th – On registers 70, average 55.1

Heavy gales have prevented several children, who live a distance away, from attending.

21st – Mr Arch, Gardening supervisor, visited the gardening class today and expressed satisfaction in respect to the tidiness of the school gardens and the attainments of the boys.

23rd – On books 70, average 56.4

Very stormy weather has continued to cause a diminution in the attendance.

30th – On books 70, average 60.

December 1928

7th – Owing to the wet condition of the ground, it has been impossible to take Practical Gardening this week. On books 70, average 59.7.
A number of young children are away with bad colds.

13th – Mr Arch visited the school gardens.

14th – On books 70, average 52.1

Many children are still absent suffering from colds and coughs.

18th – Visited the school and tested the registers finding everything correct. F.W Peverelle.

1929

January 1929

7th – I commenced my duties as Head mistress of this school this morning.
M. Clegg

Temperature of the school at 12 o'clock had only reached 41°F.
Rev. F.W Peverelle visited the school at 9 am. The school attendance officer came to take a list of children who will be 11 years of age or over on 31st July. This morning, I received my first intimation that the school was to be converted into a Junior school.

Miss Winifred C. Currie, Certificated teacher, 28/6154, commenced duties as supply teacher.

15th – Rev. F.W Peverelle visited the school this morning.

16th – Miss Currie has obtained leave of absence from the Managers for the purpose of attending an interview with the managers of Longfleet C.E. School, Poole.
Miss Currie returned to school at 2.45 pm.

21st – Many children absent today owing to an outbreak of chicken pox. Attendance morning 37, afternoon 38. Several cases of whooping cough reported also.

23rd – School attendance officer visited school. More infectious cases reported.
Attendance Morning 35, afternoon 32. Only one infant present.

24th – Attendance this morning 41 %
Miss Dewey, the drill instructress, visited this afternoon.

25th – Rev. F.W Peverelle called in school.
Total attendance today 24.

28th – Received notice from the Education authority that the school medical officer has authorised the closure of Hampreston school from 28th January to 15th February inclusive, on account of whooping cough, chicken pox and influenza epidemic.

February 1929

18th – Reopened school 9 am.
Three cases of impetigo reported.
Attendance this morning 55 %.
Temperature at 9.40 am, 36°F. Miss Currie has been appointed Certi. Ass. Teacher at Longfleet C.E School, Poole. No teacher has arrived to take her place. Acting on

the advice of the Rev. F.W Peverelle, who visited this morning, the registers have not been marked in ink today.

Staff : M. Clegg, head teacher, and Miss King, Supplementary Teacher.

19th – Mr Georges visited the school to give advice to the teachers of drawing.

20th – Received notice from Rev. Peverelle to carry on school work as usual. 63 % attendance today. The registers for Monday which had been marked in pencil have now been filled in with ink.

25th – Attendance = 56 children present. Staff : M. Clegg, head teacher, and Miss King Supplementary teacher.

26th – Rev. F.W Peverelle visited the school.

Received from Mrs Hole, 1/- for medical treatment. Forwarded same to medical department.

March 1929

5th – Annual school's examination held today. A slight alteration has been made in the time table.

6th – The second part of the school's examination taken today. Time table again slightly altered.

12th – Dr Walters visited during the morning session.

14th – Visited the school and tested the registers and found all correct. F.W Peverelle.

15th – Miss King left school at 2.55 pm at the request of Rev. F.W Peverelle to play the organ in church for a funeral service.

Douglas Poore accompanied Miss King to act as blower.

18th – Mr Arch called for the gardening tools.

22nd – Miss King too ill to take her class. Acting on my advice she returned home.

Number of children present –

Sole member of staff M. Clegg, head teacher.

25th – Miss King resumed her duties this morning at 9 am.

28th – Closed school after afternoon session for Easter holidays. Forwarded Form 9, also summary and registers to Education office.

April 1929

8th – Reopened school this morning.

As the registers have not been returned, temporary registers have been made. Temporary summary kept. Miss Bean commenced her duties this morning as supplementary teacher.

Four girls admitted.

Rev. F.W Peverelle called to tell me that the senior group remains here until midsummer and does not go to Ferndown as previously arranged.

29th – Attendance registers and summary register received from the Education office. Attendances transferred from temporary registers to attendance registers. Admitted 1 boy and 1 girl (infant's department). Number on roll 71. Staff : Miss Clegg, head mistress, Miss King and Miss Bean, supplementary teachers.

May 1929

8th – Visited the school and tested the registers finding all correct. F.W Peverelle.

9th – Today being Ascension Day, the children attended a children's service at the church. The service took place of the lesson on religious instruction.

16th – Closed school this afternoon for the Whitsuntide holiday.

My engagement as head mistress of this school terminates on 25th May, M. Clegg

27th – I commenced duties as head mistress of this school this morning. Reopened school this morning after Whitsuntide holiday.

June 1929

11th – Standards I to IV taken out for nature walk.

18th – Standards I to IV taken out for nature walk.

20th – The attendance officer called today. Part one of the County examination is being held today.

21st – The examination is being continued today. The time table has not been strictly adhered to owing to the classes being grouped, in order to leave one room in perfect quietness for children sitting for the examination. There has been a good attendance all week.

26th – A visit of Inspection has been made today by H.M.I Barrow Esq.

July 1929

2nd – The Scripture examination has been held today. The Diocesan Inspector strongly urged me to place before the managers the necessity for suitable Scripture pictures in the school.

The registers have not been marked all day. I have arranged this week that all infants should remain inside the school gates during playtime and that their teacher be responsible for them. Also that the head teacher and Miss Bean be responsible, during alternate weeks, for the remainder of the children who are to go straight to the playing field during playtime under supervision.

4th – One girl has been exempted suffering from impetigo.

9th – **Copy of report by the Diocesan inspector**

The standard of religious instruction in this school is improving. The children in group 3 did their work well, but the teacher needs the aid of some good pictures. The repetition was well taken.

Group 2 children did their work well. They have a good knowledge of the details of the stories in the Old and New Testaments. The Catechism work was well known.

The children in Group I are thoughtful and keen and are all showing improvement. They gave intelligent answers to my questions. The written work was not quite so good.

The opening of the school was impressive and the singing of the hymns good.

The children are attentive and keen as a whole.

**Lancelot Addison
Diocesan Inspector**

One boy is exempted from school suffering from impetigo.

12th – On the 9th of July, Mrs Forbes, and organiser for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, addressed the children from 10 am to 10.30 am. The address took the place of a nature study lesson.

23rd – A medical inspection was conducted by Dr Evans this morning.

31st – The Rev. F.W Peverelle visited the school this afternoon and spoke a few words to the seniors who are to be transferred to Ferndown school after the summer holidays.

31st – School closed this afternoon at 4 o'clock for four weeks.

September 1929

2nd – School reopened after the summer holidays. Twenty two senior children have today been transferred to Ferndown school.

Six new admissions have been made making the total on roll 50.

45 children were present at the opening of school.

One child is still exempted suffering from impetigo.

Part of the new stock specially requisitioned has been received.

3rd – One child is absent suffering from chicken pox.

4th – The attendance officer called today.

6th – The Rev. F.W Peverelle visited the school this morning.

17th – The nurse visited the school today and examined all the children.

20th – There are three children absent suffering from chicken pox, and one from impetigo.

23rd – One child returned recovered from chicken pox.

27th – Several children absent suffering from whooping cough.

October 1929

1st – The attendance officer called today.

10th – Miss Grimton inspected physical exercises today.

21st – The dentist visited the school today and examined most of the children.

29th – Visited the school to test the registers and found all in order. F.W Peverelle.

30th – Five children have gone to Ferndown Council School today to have teeth extracted.

November 1929

4th – It has been arranged for Miss King and Miss Bean to spend a week each at St John's Junior School, Wimborne, for observation.

Miss King, the infants' teacher, has commenced her week today.

The classes have been rearranged to form two classes for this period.

The attendance has been very poor all week owing to sickness and wet weather.

11th – Miss King resumed duties after spending a week at St John's School, Wimborne.

The children attended a short service in the Church on Armistice Day, and there observed the silence for two minutes.

Miss Bean is spending a week at St John's School as arranged by the Education Authority. She has commenced today.

12th – One new boy has been admitted.

Several children are still absent suffering from whooping cough and impetigo.

18th – Miss Bean has resumed duties at this school after spending the week at St John's School, Wimborne.

December 1929

5th – The attendance has been very poor all week, owing to severe storms and heavy floods. The attendance is exceptionally low today, the registers were not marked this morning.

9th – The headmistress is absent this morning owing to severe chill.

12th – The headmistress has resumed duties this morning.

17th – The doctor visited the school today and examined several children.

18th – Most of the children have now recovered and returned to school.

19th – Rev. F.W Peverelle visited the school today.

20th – School closed at 3.30 this afternoon for Christmas holidays.

1930

January 1930

6th – School reopened after two weeks' holiday. There is a good attendance this morning. Most of the children who have been absent owing to chicken pox, impetigo etc. have recovered and returned to school.

24th – The Rector visited the school today.

Mr Georges came today and examined the drawings of all the classes.

February 1930

27th – Miss Stewart visited the school this afternoon.

28th – Several children have returned to school after having been absent suffering from severe colds.

March 1930

5th – The children attended a short service in Church this morning for Ash Wednesday. The service took place of the lesson in religious instruction. Miss King left school at 2.00 pm at the request of the Rev. F.W Peverelle to play the organ in church for a wedding service.

7th – Group I have made a full attendance this week.

14th – The County Junior examination took place on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

21st – The rev. F.W Peverelle visited the school on Monday. A meeting of the managers was held on Tuesday. Miss King left school at 2.15 pm at the request of the Rector, in order to play the organ at the funeral service of Admiral Bush.

31st – Visited the school and tested the registers finding all correct. F.W Peverelle.

25th – C.G Bone Esq. visited this school today.

April 1930

1st – A medical examination was conducted today by Dr Walters.

4th – Miss Grimwood watched the teachers take physical exercises today.

16th – School closed at noon today for Easter holiday.

29th – School reopened this morning.
One child is absent suffering from measles.

May 1930

1st – Princess Mary visited Dorchester, therefore the children had holiday all day.

21st – H.M. Inspector C.D Pawle Esq. made a visit of inspection today.

29th – The children attended a short service in church this morning for Ascension Day. The service took the place of the lesson in religious instruction.

Miss Stewart visited the school this afternoon.

June 1930

2nd – The attendance officer visited the school today.
Several children are absent suffering from measles. There is one case of chicken pox.

6th – School closed at 4 pm this afternoon for Whitsuntide holiday.

17th – School reopened this morning, 43 children were present.
One new child admitted today.
Number on roll today 59.

The nurse visited the school this morning and excluded one boy.
Several more children are absent suffering from measles, and one additional case of chicken pox.

20th – Attendance officer visited the school this morning.

23rd – All children in infants' department, who have not had measles, have been excluded today by order of Dr Robinson. Eleven children have been excluded.

24th – The nurse has visited the school this morning. The boy who was excluded by the nurse has been allowed to return.

27th – Average for this week 30.5.

July 1930

4th – Owing to epidemic of measles, the attendance has fallen below 60 %.
Average for this week 28.8.

Epidemic returns sent in today for two weeks.

11th – Average for this week 26.9.

18th – Average for this week 29.2.

22nd – The Scripture examination has been held today. The registers have not been marked all day. Only 25 children were present owing to epidemic (measles).

23rd – Average attendance this week 25.5.

30th – **This school is doing satisfactory work in religious instruction. There was no attendance in the infant group owing to an epidemic. The children in group 2 listened attentively to a good lesson and responded well. They displayed a good knowledge of the selected portions of the Old and New Testaments and gave a good account of the details. The children gave a dramatised picture of the finding of Moses. The repetition was well taken. The children in group 1 did their work very well. A lesson from the Old Testament was linked up with New Testament teaching. This group has a wide knowledge of the selected work. The Catechism work was satisfactory and the written work fairly accurate and in the main intelligent. Good use is being made of pictures and expression work. The singing of the hymns was reverent and thoughtful.**

The above is a copy of the report by the Diocesan inspector, the Rev. L. Addison.

30th – A few children have returned this week, having recovered from measles, but the attendance is still low in all classes.

September 1930

2nd – School reopened after the summer holidays. Three children have been transferred to Ferndown Council School.

Two new admissions have been made. There are now 58 children on roll.

Nearly all the children have recovered from epidemic illnesses and returned to school. The walls of the school have been distempered during the holidays.

Part of the new stock has been received including in this is one dual desk. American cloth and enamel cups have been provided by the Dorset County Council, for the use of the children who remain at school for meals.

For the present, the classes are arranged as follows :

Group I to include Std II (III and IV) and Std V under the head teacher.

Group II to include Std I and backward children from (Std II and III) under Miss Bean, so that they may have special attention. Classes I and II to be taken by Miss King.

Mr Peverelle visited the school this morning.

9th – The attendance officer visited this morning.

10th – The black boards have been renovated today.

29th – Visited the school and tested the registers finding all correct. F.W Peverelle.

15th – Dr Walters examined several children today.

October 1930

Mr Revellford came to forcibly take John, his son, from school, October 23rd 1930. Made statement re same October 24th to Magistrate's Clerk. Came again Tuesday, hanging round school all day. Had to let him go after the afternoon session. Motor car waiting outside gates all the afternoon. Mr Revellford came in school. Mr Peverelle at school at the time.

I fetched Mr Trehane as witness when I had to deliver boy up.

One man and one woman in motor car. Woman said to be his grandmother.

The one man was driving car.

Mr Trehane has the father's address.

November 1930

11th – The children attended a short service in the church on Armistice Day, and there observed two minutes silence.

20th – Nurse Edwards visited the school today.

There is one case of diphtheria.

24th – It is very wet today. Registers not marked all day. Number present.

December 1930

17th – Visited the school and tested the registers finding everything correct. F.W Peverelle.

School closed today for Christmas holidays. The services of Miss A King as supplementary teacher of this school terminated December 31st.

1931

January 1931

6th – School reopened this morning after a holiday of two weeks and a day. Temperature of the school this morning was only 34°F. The classes had to be rearranged this morning as there was no teacher for the infants. The Rector visited the school this morning. There are 59 children on roll.

9th – The last three mornings, at 9.00 am, the temperature of this room has only been 30°F.

8th – Miss Mullins S.T. has commenced duties as temporary teacher in place of Miss King. She is at present taking Standard I and a few backward children out of Stds II and III.

20th – Doctor Walters examined a few children today.

27th – Miss Bean is absent today suffering from –

February 1931

2nd – There is one case of mumps. Miss Bean still absent, the classes have been rearranged for this reason. There are 60 children on roll.

9th – Miss Bean resumed duties this morning.

18th – The children attended a short service in church this morning for Ash Wednesday. The service took place of the lesson in religious instruction.

20th – There are about twelve children absent suffering from mumps.

24th – Miss Mullins is absent today having been granted leave of absence for the day in order to interview the managers at Thornford C.E school.

March 1931

2nd – Head teacher absent suffering from severe chill.

9th – Head teacher resumed duties this morning.

6th – Miss Mullins finished today in order to take up duties at Thornford C.E School.

12th – A new nurse visited the school today in place of Nurse Edwards.

16th – Mrs Gelpin has commenced duties today as supplementary supply teacher.

29th – The dentist visited the school today.

31st – Visited the school today and tested the registers finding all correct. F.W Peverelle.

April 1931

1st – Form 9 and summary register have been posted today.
School closed today after the afternoon session. Easter holiday.

14th – School reopened this morning.
There was a fair attendance. Four new children have been admitted. One child has left the district.
The floors of the school have been cleaned during the holidays.

24th – The school's examination was held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of this week. Some reorganisation of classes had to be made during examination times.
One boy has been transferred to Ferndown Council School.
Miss Gelpin finished today in order to take up duties at –
Several new children have been admitted this week.

27th – The doctor has examined several children today.

May 1931

14th – The children attended a short service in church this morning for Ascension Day.

22nd – School closed today after the morning session for Whitsuntide holiday.

June 1931

1st – School reopened after one week's holiday.

22nd – Miss Brett (S.T) from Rushton School commenced teaching here this morning, taking Standard I.

30th – The Scripture examination has been held today. The registers have not been marked all day. 60 children were present. Two were exempted. The Rector visited during the morning.

July 1931

8th – **Good progress has been made in the last year by this school. I heard good lessons given to the three groups. The children in all the groups have a very good knowledge of the Bible. It is quite evident that the teaching is given with great care and thoughtfulness. The Catechism work was satisfactory and the repetition was well taken. The children gave a dramatized version of the parable of the Good Samaritan and the Finding of Moses . both of these were well acted with reverence and in the main in the words of the Bible story.**

The written work was fairly well done.

The above is a copy of the report by the Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. L. Addison.

21st – Visited the school and tested the registers finding all correct. F.W Peverelle.

10th – Miss Brett is absent this afternoon in order to receive electrical treatment at Boscombe.

17th – Miss Brett is absent this afternoon for medical treatment.

24th – School closed today after the afternoon session for five weeks.

August 1931

31st – School reopened after five weeks holiday. All new goods had arrived during the holidays except the needlework.

September 1931

8th – Needlework goods received today.

There were 49 children on roll when the school reopened.

Miss Brett absent from 3 pm to attend Boscombe hospital for electrical treatment.

14th – Miss Brett absent from noon today to attend Boscombe Hospital.

30th – In visiting the school, tested the registers and found all in order. F.W Peverelle.

October 1931

1st – Miss Brett was absent from 3 pm today in order to attend Boscombe Hospital for electrical treatment.

14th – The Doctor visited the school today and examined several children.

16th – The services of Miss Brett as supplementary teacher of this school have terminated today. There are 57 children on roll this week.

19th – Miss Wilson commenced duties as supply teacher in this school this morning.

29th – School closed after the afternoon session today for two days, mid term holiday.

November 1931

10th – Miss Grimwood watched the teachers take physical exercises today.

11th – The children attended a short service in church on Armistice Day and there observed two minutes' silence.

December 1931

14th – Visited the school and tested the registers and found all correct. Good attendance. Case of diphtheria in the school. F.W Peverelle.

23rd – School closed for Christmas holidays after the afternoon session today.

1932

January 1932

11th – School reopened this morning after being closed for a fortnight and two days. H.M. Inspector P. Lavender Esq. visited the school for a short time this afternoon.

22nd – Several children are absent owing to severe colds and influenza.

February 1932

10th – The children attended a short service in church on Ash Wednesday morning.

15th – The nurse visited and saw all the children present.

17th – The nurse visited again today.

19th – The services of Miss Wilson as supplementary supply teacher of this school have terminated today.

22nd – Miss Hunt commenced duties as supplementary supply teacher this morning. Several children have recovered and returned to school this morning.

March 1932

18th – Visited the school today and tested the registers finding all correct. F.W Peverelle.

21st – Miss Grimwood watched the teachers take physical exercises today. Miss Bean is absent today suffering from chest cold. More children have recovered and returned to school today.

24th – School closed at noon today for Easter holiday.

April 1932

2nd – Medical certificate received today to say that Miss Bean is suffering from influenza and is unable to resume duties on Monday.

4th – School reopened this morning after Easter holiday. Two new children have been admitted. There is good attendance this morning. Most of the children have recovered.
There are 52 children on roll and 49 present.

11th – Miss Bean resumed duties this morning.

The head teacher absent suffering from influenza. Class I was taken by Miss Bean during the head teacher's absence.

19th – Head teacher resumed duties this morning.

29th – Three new locker desks arrived this morning, also four new tables for older infants.

May 1932

3rd – The doctor examined several children today.

5th – The children attended a short service in Church this morning (Ascension Day).

13th – School closed today for Whitsuntide holiday, after the afternoon session.

24th – School reopened this morning after having holiday for a week and a day. One new girl has been admitted.

27th – The services of Miss Hunt as supplementary supply teacher of this school terminated today.

30th – Mrs Savage has been appointed supplementary assistant teacher of this school and has commenced duties today.

June 1932

30th – Visited the school and tested the registers finding everything correct. Poor attendance owing to a very wet day. F.W Peverelle.

July 1932

13th – The Scripture examination has been held today.

The registers have not been marked all day. One child was exempted. The doctor visited the school during the morning.

This school continues to make satisfactory progress. The religious instruction given is of a good type. I heard good lessons given in each group, each lesson being well illustrated. The infants group displayed an unusually wide knowledge of the selected Bible stories and their details. In groups I and II, the children have been taught to find the meanings of the stories they have heard and to apply these meanings. The written work was very accurate and well expressed. The memorized work throughout the school was well taken.

The above is a copy of the report by the Diocesan inspector, the Rev. L. Addison.

28th – School closed this afternoon at 4 o'clock for five weeks.

September 1932

5th – School reopened this morning after the summer holidays. Four children have been transferred to Ferndown Council School and one to Middlehill. Three new admissions have been made. There are now 52 children on roll.

28th – Dr Walters examined several children today.

30th – Visited the school and tested the registers, finding all correct. F.W Peverelle.

Head teacher absent owing to sickness.

October 1932

4th – Head teacher resumed duties at noon today.
The nurse visited the school and found all children clean.

27th – School closed for mid term holiday.

November 1932

1st – School reopened after two days' holiday.

7th – H.M. I Mr Wright made a visit of inspection today.

11th – A short service was held in school this morning and two minutes' silence was observed (Armistice Day).
Two families have left the village, which accounts for the transfer of three children.

December 1932

9th – Register examined this day and found correct.
Signature

School closed for Christmas holidays.

1933

January 1933

9th – School reopened after two weeks' holiday.

19th – The dentist examined a few children, but many were absent owing to epidemic of influenza.

Miss Bean had to return home this morning suffering from influenza.

27th – Miss Bean has recovered from her illness but the school is closed by the order of the medical officer owing to epidemic of influenza.

30th – School closed for epidemic.

February 1933

13th – School reopened after being closed for a fortnight.

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Inspected on 7th November 1932

Report by H.M.I Mr N Lavender

Junior

The reports issued on this school in 1926 and 1928 show that it was not then being conducted satisfactorily and that the teaching to the upper standards was ineffective.

When the present head mistress took charge in May 1929, she was faced with the task of establishing good working habits in the children and of making up the leeway.

In September 1929, it became a department for Juniors and infants. The staff consists of the head and two supplementary assistants.

The school is now well conducted. The head mistress makes herself responsible for a large share of the teaching and gives a good lead to her staff. She has prepared useful schemes of work and has kept in close contact with all the classes and has examined them systematically.

In her own class the children read and recite clearly and intelligently and express their ideas readily, in neat handwriting, in composition. When

they were tested in arithmetic at the inspection, the results were distinctly above the average except Standard III. The teaching of geography, history and nature study is made interesting and the older children have made a start in compiling simple note-books in connection with these subjects. Steady progress is being made in drawing and handwork.

It is suggested that the syllabus in geography should be kept more within the needs of junior children and that the elements of the subject should be better established.

The teacher of the second class who began here about six months ago has had many years' experience in the teaching of infants. She gets on well with the children, holds their attention easily and is doing suitable work in recitation, speech training, number and varied occupations. She is aware that those who were promoted to her class in September are backward in reading.

The teacher of the third class is steadily improving her knowledge of the needs of younger infants and of the methods of teaching them. Her treatment of games and of varied occupations is on right lines as is also her management of physical exercises with the first class. A fair start has been made with the year's work in reading but the beginnings of handwriting need further consideration.

Only eleven children present today owing to heaving snowstorm. Registers not marked all day.

March 1933

1st – The children attended a short service in church this morning for Ash Wednesday. The service took the place of the lesson in religious instruction. The schools examination was held on Tuesday morning and afternoon of this week. Some reorganisation of classes had to be made during examination times.

13th – Visited the school and tested the registers and found everything correct. F.W Peverelle.

14th – Dr Walters examined several children today.

16th – The dentist attended all day today for fillings.

17th – The dentist attended all day today for extractions. The attendance officer visited the school.

13th – The head mistress absent owing to severe chill.

23rd – Rosalie M. Kerton, 27/15721, County staff teacher, take charge of this school during absence of head teacher.

28th – Miss Grimwood visited and saw all the classes at physical exercises.

April 1933

3rd – I returned to my duties at this school this morning, being absent since 29th March owing to a severe cold.

4th – S.A.O visited this morning.

10th – Head teacher resumed duties this morning.

12th – School closed today (after the afternoon session) for Easter holidays.

25th – School reopened after holiday for a week and three days.
There are fifty three children on roll.

May 1933

9th – The attendance officer visited the school today.

15th – The nurse visited today and found most of the children clean.

24th – Several children have been exempted owing to epidemic of whooping cough.

Empire Day

School assembled as usual at 9 am. The ordinary school work was carried on until 11 am, when the classes assembled in the main room.

The Rector, _____ and Mr Sutton visited and remained at the school until 12 am. Each gentleman said a few words to the children.

The children recited and sang suitable pieces for Empire Day and the top class gave a short play entitled "Morning, Noon and Night".

The children saluted the flag and sang the national anthem.

Each child had a bun and an orange at the close. There were kindly given by the managers.

School closed at noon for a half day holiday.

25th – The children attended a short service in church this morning for Ascension day.

24th and 31st – The attendance officer visited the school.

June 1933

2nd – School closed after the afternoon session today for Whitsuntide holiday.

12th – School reopened after one week's holiday.

14th – School closed this afternoon for half day (Church fête).

12th – Miss Bean is absent this morning. Note received to say Doctor fearing appendicitis. Several children are still absent suffering from whooping cough.

23rd – The attendance officer visited the school today. There are two more cases of whooping cough.

29th – Visited the school this morning and tested the registers. All things were in order. F.W Peverelle.

July 1933

The attendance officer visited the school today.

19th – The Scripture examination has been held today.
The registers have not been marked all day. The Rector visited the school during the morning.

13th and 20th – The attendance officer visited during these days.

25th – **This school continues to do good work in religious instruction. The lessons I heard given were of a good type and well illustrated. The children in the infant group have a good knowledge of the selected Bible stories and rendered the memorized work well.**

The two upper groups taken as one temporarily, have been carefully taught. Their knowledge both of the old and new testaments is wide and they are able to find the meaning of the Bible stories they have heard. The catechism work was very well done. The written work was mainly accurate and fairly well expressed.

The above is a copy of the report by the Diocesan inspector, the Rev. L. Addison.

24th – Dr Walters examined several children today.

25th – The Rector visited the school today. Miss Bean is still absent having had an operation for appendicitis.

28th – School closed today after the afternoon session for midsummer holidays.

September 1933

4th – School reopened this morning after five weeks holiday.

5 children have been transferred, 1 to Middlehill and 4 to Ferndown Council Schools. Six new children were admitted this morning. There were 54 children on roll at the opening. The Rector visited the school this morning. The head teacher pointed out to the Rector that the two porches had not been cleaned, also that the state of the children's' offices was unsatisfactory.

5th – One girl has been transferred to Ferndown.

6th – H.M Inspector Wright, Esq., made a visit of inspection today. The Rector visited the school today at the request of H.M. Inspector.
The attendance officer visited the school this morning.

18th – Doris Steel has been granted a special place by the Poole Grammar School authorities and has been transferred to the school today.

19th – The attendance officer visited today.

28th – The attendance officer visited this morning.

29th – Visited the school this morning to test the registers. All was correct. F.W Peverelle.

October 1933

23rd - The needlework goods received today. All goods have now been received. Miss Bean was absent in the afternoon in order to visit a specialist in Bournemouth. The nurse visited today.
The attendance officer visited today.

30th – Miss Grimwood visited the school and saw all the classes at physical exercises.

November 1933

2nd – The school closed after the afternoon session for mid term holiday.

7th – School reopened after two days holiday.

10th, 14th, 24th – The attendance officer visited on these dates.

14th – The medical officer has refunded 2/- Medical fee (dental treatment) to Mrs Stainer.

December 1933

20th – Visited the school today. Inspected register and found all correct. F.W Peverelle.

20th – School closed today after the afternoon session for Christmas holidays. Oranges were kindly given to the children by T. Sutton Esq. (one of the Managers).

1934

January 1934

School reopened this morning after holiday for two weeks and two days.

26th – Dr Sallybrass, the new medical officer, visited the school today.

30th – Dr Walters visited on Tuesday morning and re-examined several children.

31st – The school's examination was held on Wednesday morning and afternoon. Some reorganisation of classes had to be made.

February 1934

2nd – The attendance officer visited today. The children attended a short service in church this morning for Ash Wednesday. This service took the place of the lesson in religious instruction.

March 1934

2nd – The attendance officer visited today.

27th and 28th – Mrs Savage was absent suffering from cold.

26th – Visited the school today and tested the register. All correct. F.W Peverelle.

22nd – Miss Grimwood visited the school and saw the classes at physical exercises.

27th – The attendance officer visited the school today.

28th – School closed today (after the morning session) for Easter holiday.

April 1934

10th – School reopened this morning after holiday for one week, three and a half days. Four new children were admitted.

The medical officer sent a note advising me that Frederick Tubbs was to be transferred to Ferndown Council School after the Easter holiday. Mr Bowring, however, refused to take him as he had not received any word from the medical officer. I have therefore entered his name for this term.

The attendance officer visited today. No fires were lit this morning. It was very called so they were lit by the teachers.

May 1934

4th – The attendance officer called today.

10th – Summary register received from the offices. The children attended a short service in church this morning for Ascension Day.

17th – The dentist visited and examined several children today.

18th – The attendance officer visited today.
School closed today for Whitsuntide Holiday.

28th – School reopened after one week's holiday.

30th – The doctor examined several children today.

June 1934

1st – The attendance officer visited today.

5th – Visited the school today and tested the registers, finding everything in order.
F.W Peverelle.

July 1934

9th – The attendance officer visited today.

16th – There is one case of diphtheria.

20th – Victor Francis Spiers has been granted a place by the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School (Wimborne) authorities.

27th – School closed today after the afternoon session for mid summer holidays.

September 1934

3rd – School reopened this morning after five weeks' holiday.
One new boy was admitted.
There are 56 children on roll.

18th – H.M. Inspector Wright, Esq. made a visit of inspection today.

21st – The attendance officer visited today.

28th – The attendance officer visited today.

Visited the school and tested the registers, finding everything in order.
F.W. Peverelle.

October 1934

10th – Miss Bean is absent undergoing an operation for removal of tonsils.
Classes have to be rearranged as no supply teacher is to be sent.

16th – The nurse visited today and examined all the children.

November 1934

5th – Miss Riddle (Supply staff) assisted at this school for two days, November 5th
and 6th 1934, in the absence of Miss Bean.

9th – The attendance officer visited today.

16th – One boy has left. Family removed to Poole.

19th – Miss Bean has resumed her duties this morning.

25th – The attendance officer called today.

29th – School closed all day for Royal Wedding.

30th – The Scripture examination has been held today. Registers not marked all day.

December 1934

17th – Tested the registers in my visit to the school. All in order. F.W Peverelle.

Copy of report by the senior diocesan inspector

"Religious instruction is carried out in this school with commendable care and thoroughness.

The courses of work are clearly defined and adequate in their scope and contents.

I listened with interest to lessons given to all three groups, and noted with satisfaction that the spiritual and moral teaching of the Bible stories was well apprehended by the children. Good use is being made of suitable forms of expression work with the younger children and the written work of Group I was neat and well expressed.

Requisition for more Bibles should be sent in to the L.E.A and the managers should see that efficient prayer books are provided for the use of Group I children.

**Sydney Winterton
Senior Diocesan Inspector**

21st – School closed today at the end of the afternoon session for Christmas holidays.

1935

January 1935

7th – School reopened after two weeks holiday. Three new children have been admitted. There are now 61 children on roll.

10th – The attendance officer visited today.

17th – The nurse visited today and examined all the children.

21st – The attendance officer visited today.

23rd – The attendance officer visited today.

25th – The doctor examined several children today.

23rd – Miss Grimwood saw the classes at physical exercises this afternoon.

29th – The attendance officer visited today.

March 1935

26th – Visited the school today, tested the registers and found all correct. Several away owing to chicken pox. F.W Peverelle.

April 1935

5th – Owing to epidemic of chicken pox, the attendance has fallen below 60 %.
Average for this week, over five.
Epidemic returns sent today.

17th – School closed today after the morning session for Easter holidays.

29th – School reopened this morning after Easter holidays.
Several children have recovered from chicken pox and returned to school this morning.
Six new children have been admitted.
There are now 71 children on roll.

May 1935

1st – The attendance officer visited today.

8th – School closed two days for the King's Silver Jubilee.

The school reopened on May 8th.

Several more children have recovered from chicken pox and returned to school.

There were sixty five children present this morning.

24th – The minimum of school openings required this year is reduced from 410 to 406 to allow for the two days holiday.

28th – The attendance officer visited the school today.

30th – The children attended a short service in church this morning for Ascension Day.

31st – The nurse visited the school this morning and examined all the children.

June 1935

7th – The Rector visited the school this morning.

School closed this afternoon (after the afternoon session) for the Whitsuntide holiday.

28th – Visited the school today. Tested the registers and found all correct. F.W Peverelle.

18th – School reopened after holiday of one week and a day.
65 children were present.

27th – The attendance officer visited today.

July 1935

17th – There is one case of measles.

19th – Dr Walters visited the school today and examined several children.

22nd – Registers, records, books etc. received today.

24th – Arthur Henry Lane and Ronald James Joy have been granted special places by the Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School (Poole) authorities.

26th – School closed today after the afternoon session for mid summer holidays.

September 1935

2nd – School reopened this morning after five weeks holiday.
One new boy has been admitted.
There are 61 children on roll this morning.
There is one case of measles and one of whooping cough.
The walls of the school have been colour-washed during the holidays.

5th – The attendance officer visited today.

12th – H.M.I Wright, Esq., paid a visit of Inspection today. He pointed out that there were only 24 children in the head teacher's class and 25 on the class register.

13th – The new cleaning materials and new Bibles arrived today.

17th – The attendance officer visited today.

18th – A medical fee of 2/- was sent to Mr Peverelle for Joan Cattle's glasses.

27th – Visited the school this morning. Tested the register and found all correct. F.W Peverelle.

October 1935

16th – The nurse examined several children today.

21st – The attendance officer visited today.

31st – The attendance officer visited today.
New goods have been received this month.

November 1935

11th – The children attended a short service in church this morning (Armistice Day).

15th – Miss Grimwood saw the classes at physical exercises this morning 9.45 to 12 am.

19th – The attendance officer visited today.

December 1935

9th – The attendance officer visited today.

20th – Visited the school and tested the registers. All correct.
F.W Peverelle.

1936

January 1936

6th – School reopened after Christmas holiday. Miss Whitehead is absent owing to injuries received in a fall.

13th – I take charge of school during the temporary absence of head mistress. J.G White, County supply staff.

Harman Richards withdrawn by request of his father at 2.50 pm.

15th – Mr Andrews, SAO, called this morning at 10.45 am.

21st – SAO called this morning at 10.55 am.
The Rector called this afternoon.

28th – School session was from 9 to 11 am to enable all scholars to attend a Memorial Service to H.M. King George V at the Parish Church. We reassembled at 1.15 pm in order to listen to the broadcast from Windsor and to observe the two minutes' silence.

30th – School exam being held today. Reorganisation of classes and time table therefore necessary.
SAO called this morning. Enquiries re. house family Weaver (Peter) reported to have impetigo.

February 1936

7th – SAO called this morning.
"Safety First" talk by PC Lewis.

11th – Miss Bean absent this afternoon for medical treatment (with consent of correspondent). Attendance very low owing to bad weather. 36 morning, 39 afternoon.

12th – School nurse examined children today. 56 present.

14th – SAO called this morning.

18th – Miss Bean absent for medical treatment this afternoon. I resign my temporary charge of this school. J.G White.

19th – Head teacher resumed duties this morning.

24th – The doctor examined several children today.

25th – H.M. Inspector, Mr H.L Burrows, visited the school for a short time this morning.

Miss been was absent for medical treatment this afternoon.

26th – The attendance officer visited this morning.

The children attended a short service in church this morning (Ash Wednesday). Several children are absent suffering from severe colds. Two children are suffering from tonsillitis.

March 1936

18th – Visited the school, tested the registers and found all correct. F.W Peverelle.

April 1936

8th – School closed today for Easter holidays.

21st – School reopened this morning after being closed for a week and three days. Three new children have been admitted. There are two cases of measles.

24th – The attendance officer visited today.

May 1936

19th – Visited the school, tested the registers, all correct. F.W Peverelle.

11th – Miss Bean is absent this morning. Note received to say she is suffering from neuralgia.

21st – The children attended a short service in church this morning (Ascension Day).

29th – School closed after the afternoon session today for Whitsuntide holiday.

June 1936

8th – School reopened today after one week's holiday.

Miss Bean resumed her duties this morning.

10th – School closed this afternoon for half day (church fête).

15th – Miss Reed, supplementary teacher, commenced teaching here (on supply) on Monday morning, taking the babies.

17th – The services of Miss Bean as supplementary teacher of this school have terminated today.

The doctor visited the school today and examined several children.

19th – The services of Miss Reed terminated today.

22nd – Miss Sharp commenced teaching here today as supplementary teacher in the infants' department.

July 1936

1st – The nurse visited today and examined all the children present. Many were absent owing to Sunday school outings.

8th – The attendance officer visited today.

16th – Many children are absent today owing to sickness and Sunday school outing.

31st – Visited the school today and tested the registers, finding all correct. F.W Peverelle.

School closed this afternoon after the afternoon session for mid summer holidays.

September 1936

7th – School reopened this morning after five weeks holiday.

Three new children have been admitted.

There are sixty five children on roll.

On girl, Lucy Tubbs, has been granted a free place by the Poole Grammar School authorities.

15th – H.M. Inspector H.L Burrows made a visit of inspection today.

28th – Tested the registers when I visited the school today, finding all in order, 61 on the register. F.W Peverelle.

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Inspected on 15th September 1936

Report by H.M.I Mr H.L Burrows. Junior Mixed School

Successive visits since the issue of the last report have led to the conclusion that the standard of work of the "transfer" children (ie. those

of 11+) is usually good. At the present time somewhat of a falling off is visible in the attainments of the older children, but this is not likely to be permanent, since the younger pupils are more promising. Nor is the temporary decline attributable to any lack of zeal or industry on the part of the head mistress, who works very earnestly, and whose desire for the welfare of the children is shown by the fact that she has expended a considerable sum in purchasing books etc. But it will be well to make the classification and the allocation of work more definite. At present, both are somewhat vague ; and there is much to be said for a definite decision on certain points, e.g. the number of groups for such subjects as history, alternative schemes for successive years within the group and so on. Further it will be necessary to devote more time, in the case of the weaker pupils of 9+ and 10+, to securing good handwriting, correct spelling and fluent reading, and a sound ground work in simple arithmetic. The children are quite well behaved and responded fairly briskly when questioned in geography. There is some excellent handwork. In the middle class, steady though not rapid progress is being made ; and the newly appointed teacher of the lowest class has made a promising start. It may be noted that in the lowest class there are 6 children under five years of age. If children so young are to be admitted (a course not to be recommended except under special circumstances, since they have to share the room and the instruction of a larger number of older children), more should be done to secure for them as adequate treatment as possible by the provision of equipment such as rest beds, toys etc.

Premises

The premises in general are well kept, but it is hoped the managers will seriously consider the following points :

1. The lighting of the main room is considerably below what is considered desirable today.
2. One classroom has no separate exit, the children having to pass through the main room. To provide a separate external door, with a small lobby for use as a cloak-room by the children of this classroom, would be a great improvement.
3. A portion of the playground should be asphalted to permit physical training to be taken under better conditions.

October 1936

27th – The attendance officer visited today.

28th – The nurse visited today and examined all the children.

30th – The school closed today after the afternoon session for mid term holiday.

November 1936

3rd – School reopened this morning after two days' holiday.

11th – The attendance officer visited today.

A short service was held in church this morning and a two minutes' silence was observed (Armistice Day).

25th – The attendance officer visited today.

December 1936

3rd – The Scripture examination has been held today.

Two children were exempted.

The registers have not been marked all day.

The Rector visited the school during the morning.

This school maintains a good standard of work in religious instruction. The opening of school is well planned and is carried out with care and devotion.

The lessons I heard were all of a good type and were amply illustrated. IN groups II and III, the lesson is expressed by means of handwork.

The infant group gave a very good dramatisation of the story of the finding of Moses.

Throughout the school, the children have a good knowledge of the selected portions of the Old and New Testaments.

The memorized work was well taken.

The written work of Group I was uniform in quality, well expressed and fairly full of detail.

The above is a copy of the report by the Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. L. Addison.

19th – The attendance officer visited today.

23rd – The school was visited today and the registers were checked by me. I found everything correct. F.W Peverelle

The school closed today, after the afternoon session, for Christmas holidays.

1937

January 1937

11th – School reopened this morning after being closed for a fortnight and two days.

15th – The nurse visited today and saw all the children.

14th – The attendance officer visited today. Several children are absent suffering from whooping cough.

19th – Dr Walters examined several children this morning.

20th – Miss Miller visited the school today.

22nd – Miss Grimwood saw the classes at their exercises today.

27th – The floors of the school were very damp from recent washing out when school reopened. Very many children are absent suffering from severe colds and influenza.

The morning temperatures of the school are altogether too low.

28th – The head teacher is absent suffering from influenza.

February 1937

4th – I take temporary charge of the school. E.D Tuck

5th – The Rev. F.W Peverelle visited the school today.

8th – Miss Sharp is attending St John's School at Wimborne this week.

15th – Miss Sharp resumed duties as usual this week.

17th – Visit of attendance officer.

19th – I finished my temporary work today.

24th – Resumed temporary charge again, having been recalled.

March 1937

2nd – Head teacher resumed duties today. Several children have recovered and returned to school.

10th – The attendance officer visited today.

17th – The attendance officer visited today.
Epidemic forms have been sent in for weeks ending 5th February and 12th February.

25th – School closed today for Easter holidays.

April 1937

6th – School reopened this morning after being closed for a week and two days.

15th – Seven new children have been admitted

May 1937

10th – On visiting the school today to test the registers, I found everything correct.
F.W Peverelle.

11th – School closed today for Coronation and Whitsuntide holidays.

25th – School reopened today after being closed for a week and four days.

June 1937

2nd – The attendance officer called today.

18th – The attendance officer called today.

25th – The attendance officer called today.
The doctor examined several children this afternoon.

July 1937

8th – The attendance officer visited today.

9th – Classes have had to be reorganised from 30th June until today, owing to the room being required for the extraction of teeth.

12th – Classes have again to be reorganised owing to the absence of Miss Sharp who will be absent for examination from today until 21st July.

28th – School closed this afternoon after the afternoon session for mid-summer holidays.

September 1937

6th – School reopened this morning after five weeks holiday.

The attendance officer visited today.

One new girl has been admitted.

School opened with seventy children on roll.

A new window has been put in the roof of the main room of the school.

The walls of the school have been colour-washed. Outside offices have been white-washed.

Six children have been transferred to a senior school.

15th – H.M. Inspector Wright Esq. made a visit of inspection today.

The Rector visited the school today at the request of H.M. Inspector.

16th – The attendance officer visited today.

20th – Miss Sharp is absent this morning suffering from sore throat.

23rd – The attendance officer visited today.

27th – Visited the school. Tested the registers and found all correct. F.W Peverelle.

28th – Mrs Brown, temporary supply, took the place of Miss Sharp who is still absent. Head teacher absent.

29th – I Lerinchinton, County Staff Teacher, take charge of this school this morning 11.50 am.

Miss Miller, assistant education officer, visited school this afternoon.

October 1937

1st – The Rev. F. Peverelle visited school this morning.

4th – The Rev. F.W Peverelle visited school. Miss Sharp returned to duty.

5th – The A.O visited school.

7th – Miss Sharp left school 2.30 to attend an interview at Hold.

11th – I, Alex H Marsh of the County, unattached staff, took charge of this school today.

13th – School attendance officer called.

14th – The Rev. F. Peverelle visited the school this morning re. Miss Sharp's departure.

15th – Miss Sharp terminated her duties here today.

18th – Miss J.E Bowering, County Supply Staff, commenced duties today in charge of infants' class.

The Rev. F. Peverelle visited the school this afternoon.

25th. Miss Bowering was ordered to Langton Matravers School this morning (11 am) by telegraph. Mrs Brown, temporary supply, arrived at 11.15 am to take her place.

27th – School closed for mid term holiday at 3.45 pm.
Mrs Brown finished duty here today.

November 1937

1st – Miss C.M Ellis (Supplementary teacher) commenced duty today in charge of the infant class.

The Rev. F. Peverelle visited the school today.

2nd – The Rev. Peverelle again visited the school today.

11th – The registers were marked and closed at 9 am in order to allow the teachers and children to attend the Armistice Service in the Parish Church at 11 am.

19th – The Rev. F. Peverelle visited the school this morning.
I resign my temporary charge of this school today. A.H Marsh.

22nd – Took charge of this school today. O.,M Miller, county staff teacher.

23rd – School attendance officer called.

December 1937

3rd – School attendance officer called.

6th – The school nurse examined all children this morning.

8th – Heavy snow, poor attendance.

10th – School nurse called to examine one or two children found dirty at last visit.

21st – Visited the school and found all correct when testing the registers. F.W Peverelle.

22nd – The Rev. F Peverelle visited the school. School attendance officer called. We closed today pm for the Christmas holiday.

1938

January 1938

10th – New term commenced.

17th – Mrs Brown took duty in the infant room while Miss Ellis spent a week at Colehill to make observations in infant method.

21st – Mrs Brown finished duty.

24th – Miss Ellis returned to duty.

27th – School attendance officer called.

31st – I resign charge of this school today. A.M Miller, County staff teacher

February 1938

1st – I take charge of this school today. M. M Gillett.

3rd – School attendance officer called.
Medical inspection of 8-9 year group and specials.
Mr Peverelle called.

18th – School attendance officer called.
Mr Campbell, physical training organiser, called.

23rd – Miss Miller, assistant county education officer, called.
School nurse examined all children this afternoon.

24th – Mr Campbell, physical training organiser called, brought some apparatus and saw the work of the top group.

March 1938

2nd – Ash Wednesday service in church at 9.15. Registers marked and closed at 9 am.

3rd – The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

4th – The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

10th – The school nurse examined all the children this afternoon, the two children dirty before are still so and children in the same household are infected too.

14th – Miss Lyons visited the school this morning.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle visited the school this afternoon.

17th – The attendance officer called this morning.

22nd – The attendance officer called this morning.

24th – The Rev. F. W Peverelle called this afternoon.

30th – The attendance officer called today.

31st – The Rev. F.W Peverelle called this morning.
Miss C.M Ellis (Supplementary teacher) resigned charge of the infants' class today.

April 1938

1st – No supply teacher has arrived today so the middle group divided, Std II was taken with the upper group and Std I with the infants' class.

4th – Miss Colclough, supplementary teacher, arrived at 9.45 am to take relief duty in the infants' room. She was late for afternoon school because there was no lunch ready for her at the house where she applied for lodging.

5th – The Rev. Rae present for opening prayers and he took the upper group for Prayer Book.

6th – The school attendance officer called.

12th – The Rev. Rae present for assembly and took the upper group for Prayer Book.

13th – School closed at midday for the Easter break. The afternoon holiday is because of an average attendance of 96 % for the last month.
The Rev. F. W Peverelle called and stayed to take closing prayer.

25th – School reopened after the Easter vacation.
The Rev. F. W Peverelle called in the afternoon.

28th – Mr Sutton called in the morning.

29th – The Rev. F.W Peverelle called in the morning.
The head teacher out from 11 to 12 to be present at a managers' meeting for the appointment of a new teacher for the infants.

May 1938

2nd – The Rev. F.W Peverelle called this afternoon.

3rd – The Rev. C. Rae present for assembly and Scripture for the upper group.

4th – School attendance officer called this morning. The school had the highest percentage of attendance throughout his district for last month (96 %). The Rev. F.W Peverelle called this afternoon.

10th – The Rev. C. Rae present for assembly, remained to take the upper group for religious instruction.

13th – Nurse visited this morning and found two children with nits.

17th – The Rev. Rae present for prayers and remained to take Scripture with the upper group.

18th – The attendance officer visited this afternoon.

20th – The Rev. F.W Peverelle visited the school this morning.

24th – The Rev. Rae present for prayers and remained to take Scripture with the upper group.

The school attendance officer called.

The Rev. F. W Peverelle called.

School closed at noon for Empire Day half holiday.

26th – Registers closed at 9.5 am for the children to attend an Ascension Day service at the church at 9.15 am.

31st – The Rev. Rae present for assembly and remained to take Prayer Book with the upper group.

June 1938

1st – The attendance officer called. Attendance remains highest for May.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

3rd – School closed at mid-day for the Whitsun vacation. The afternoon holiday is for over 95 % attendance for a month.

13th – School reopened. The Rev. F. W Peverelle called. The playgrounds have been asphalted during the holiday.

14th – The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

15th – The Rev. F.W Peverelle called. Afternoon school opened at 12.45 to enable the children to visit the Church Fête at Ferndown to give exhibitions of country dancing.

21st – The Rev. Rae present for assembly and remained to take Scripture with the upper group.

22nd – The school nurse called to see two children found dirty at the last inspection (clean now).

The Rev. F.W Peverelle called this afternoon.

23rd – School closed all day because of the visit of the Princess Royal to inspect Guides at Canford School.

25th – Saturday, took nine children to the district sports at Blandford.

27th – Medical inspection from 1.30 to 3.30 pm, baby room used, Std I, II, III, IV together. Wet, no play, closed at 3.30 pm.

28th – The Rev. Rae present for assembly and remained to take Scripture with the upper group.

End of year examinations begin today, the time table will be very elastic this week.

30th – Tested the registers today in visiting the school, finding everything in good order. F. W Peverelle.

Miss Colclough ceased temporary duty today.

July 1938

1st – Miss Slipper arrived to take up her appointment as supplementary assistant in the infants' room.

The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

4th - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

5th – The school attendance officer called.

6th – School closed at noon, attendance holiday and Sunday school treat.

7th - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

11th – Owen Blake has been granted a scholarship by the Governors of the Wimborne Grammar School.

13th – Mr Campbell, physical training organiser, called with twenty mats and two Spencer Moulton balls. He saw Std I and II exercises.

14th – New needlework stock arrived.

18th – Registers not marked all day. The Rev. Addison visited for Scripture inspection. The Rev. F.W Peverelle and Rev. C Rae present for prayers.

22nd – The attendance officer called.

25th – Requisition order arrived from Hope's.

27th – The school was thrown open from 2 to 3.30 pm for managers and parents. Ever manager present and a large number of parents.

27th – The following is a copy of Form 4a :

Inspector's report of Hampreston school, junior, inspected 18th July 1938

This school has suffered from the disadvantage of a great many changes of staff in the past year. But there are signs that the school as a whole is beginning an improvement. The lessons I heard given were of a good type and were well illustrated.

The children responded fairly well in giving answers to questions. Owing to the changes referred to, only part of the syllabus has been covered, this however will be remedied next year.

The memorized work was well taken and the written work was of a fairly good standard.

Signed L. Addison, Diocesan inspector

28th – The Rev. F.W Peverelle called. Tested registers. All correct. School closed pm. For midsummer holiday.

September 1938

5th – School reopened after midsummer break. Fifty eight on roll.

6th – H.M. Inspector Mr Wright visited the school today.

7th – H.M.I Mr Wright revisited to confirm a point with regard to the suggested second entrance for the middle room.

9th – The school attendance officer called this morning. Six tons of cola.

14th - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called this morning.

16th – School attendance officer called this morning.

23rd - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

27th – The school attendance officer called.

October 1938

3rd – The attendance officer called concerning A.R.P (Air Raid Protection) trenches.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

4th – The physical training officer called concerning A.R.P. trenches and remained to see the upper group have a broadcast physical training lesson.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

10th – The school attendance officer called.
The school nurse called, three children have nits.

19th – The school attendance officer called.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

26th – Attendance officer called.

November 1938

1st – All Saints Day. Registers marked and closed at 9 am to allow children to attend service in church.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

3rd – School attendance officer called.
Dr Waters medically examined children in the morning. Std I, II, III, IV in one room to leave the infant room free.

4th – School closes today until November 9th for mid-term break.

9th – School reopens after half term holiday.

11th – School attendance officer called.
Recreation at 10.30 am to allow attendance at church from 10.45 to 11 am.

17th – Piano tuner arrived at 3 pm.

23rd – Visited the school today when the registers were tested. Everything was in order and correct. F.W Peverelle.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

24th – School closed today for teachers to attend A.R.P lectures at Poole Grammar School.

25th – School reopens. The school dentist visited and inspected fifty children. The infants used Std II room and Stds I-IV were grouped together.

30th – School attendance officer called.
Mr Sutton visited in the afternoon.

December 1938

1st - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called in the afternoon.

15th – The attendance officer called.

16th – Mrs Lyon called at lunch time.
The Rector and Mr Sutton present during the evening for a concert. All the children took part and the room was crowded.

19th – The temperature at 9 am was 29°F and by noon 36°F. The children were grouped round the fires and work was interrupted to enable them to have some vigorous activity every hour.

20th – Temperature 30°F at 9 am. Too cold for written work.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

21st – Temperature 32°F at 9 am.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

23rd - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.
Mr Sutton brought oranges for all the children.
Mr Hawkins presented prizes.
School closed pm for the Christmas holidays.

1939

January 1939

9th – School reopened, six new admissions.

13th - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

16th – School attendance officer called.

19th - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

26th – The caretaker forgot the key and fires not lighted till 8.40 am. Temperature 40°F.

The school attendance officer called.

31st - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

February 1939

1st - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

2nd and 3rd – The school dentist here all day for fillings. Infants were in the middle room and the middle group in the senior room. Work was modified accordingly.

14th - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called at lunchtime.

16th – Stds I-IV in one room for dentist's visit, work somewhat disorganised.

22nd – The whole school attended an Ash Wednesday service in church.

23rd – The attendance officer called.

27th – H.M.I Mr Wright spent the day here.

March 1939

1st - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

3rd - The Rev. F.W Peverelle brought the sanitary inspector here with reference to the disposal from the offices.

10th – The school nurse examined all children and found three to have nits.

11th – The school attendance officer called.

17th - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

22nd – The school doctor spent the morning here. The grouping of the classes was reorganised accordingly.

23rd – School attendance officer called.

31st – School attendance officer called.

Visited the school and checked registers, finding all correct. F.W Peverelle.

Form 9 returned to the office, together with the summary register. Average number on registers for 1938-9 = 64.

April 1939

3rd - The Rev. F.W Peverelle visited this morning.

5th – Mr Campbell visited this afternoon, concerning the demonstration of physical training to be held next term. He remained to see the two upper groups at dancing.

6th – School closed pm today for Easter holidays.

17th – School reopened after Easter break.
School attendance officer called.

19th – Mr Campbell, physical training organiser, called.

27th – Std III IV had a nature walk from 1.15 to 1.45 pm.
Drawing taken 1.45 to 2.30 pm.

May 1939

1st - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

2nd – Attendance officer called.

4th – School nurse examined sixty five children this morning. Three children have nits.

8th – Miss Slipper absent with a scalded foot.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.
No fires for the first time this season.
Temperature 54°F at 9 am.

10th – Mr Campbell, physical training organiser, called to take the upper group at demonstration exercises. Here from 10.10 am to 11 am. No arithmetic.

15th - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.
Work commenced on drains and hand basins.

18th – Registers marked and the whole school attended Ascension Day service.
Miss Joan Perkins (uncertificated) arrived at 1.30 pm and took charge of the infants' class.
Miss Grimwood arrived 1.45 pm to see the upper group at their demonstration dancing.

22nd - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

24th – Visited the school today and tested the registers where I found that everything was in good order. F. W Peverelle.
The school attendance officer called.
Miss Lightfoot visited to see the upper group at Country dancing.

26th – School closed today pm for Whitsuntide holiday.

June 1939

5th – School reopened, one new child admitted.

7th – Attendance officer called.
Mr Campbell, P.T organiser, called but did not see any exercises as we were 80°F in the shade.

12th – Mr Campbell called and saw the upper group at demonstration work in the field, 11 to 11.45 am.

14th – Mary Wilson attended Talbot Heath School for oral examination for scholarship.

13th - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

15th – The A.O called.

16th – Very wet morning, 41/71 children present.
Miss Grimwood called at lunch time.
Needlework stock arrived.

17th – Seven girls took part in district sports and were successful in winning the Junior Schools Championship shield.

19th – Received news that Mary Wilson has been successful in winning a free place scholarship at Talbot Heath School. She is top in the county.

20th – Mr Campbell, P. T. Organiser, called and saw the upper group at their demonstration work.

21st – School closed at mid-day to enable the upper group to take part in the demonstration of physical training and dancing, in Wimborne.
Handwork stock arrived.

28th – Attendance officer called.
School nurse called.
End of quarter. Average number on register 70, average attendance 65.8.

July 1939

5th – Attendance 40/71 due to Congregational S. S. Treat.

10th - The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.
Examinations are being held this week and the time table is being adapted accordingly.

13th – Attendance officer called.

17th – Miss Perkins arrived with suspicious looking sores so she visited Dr Thompson who gave a certificate for impetigo. During her absence, Mrs Savage will have Std I with the infants and Std II will work with the upper group.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.
Mr Hawkins (manager) called in the afternoon and checked the registers.

18th – Stationery stock arrived.

21st – Attendance officer called.
Piano tuner here from 10.15 to 11 am.
Six tons of cola arrived.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

24th – School closed all day as it was needed for a Parish Council election.

25th – School reopened.
Miss Perkins back to duty.

27th – Through his mother, I hear that John Shearing has gained a scholarship to Wimborne Grammar School.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

28th – Attendance 51/71, Sunday school treat.
We close today pm for midsummer holiday.

September 1939

11th – School reopened 9 am for morning sessions only, 9 to 12.30 pm. War was declared on September 3rd and schools closed during evacuation. Bevois Town Infants' school will use these premises for afternoon sessions from 1 to 4.30 pm, 63 on roll.

Attendance officer called.

The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

21st – The head master of Ferndown Council School called.

School attendance officer called.

H.M.I Mrs Wright called and approved the organisation of work under the double shift system. Homework is given regularly to those over 7 years of age.

26th – Miss Miller, Assistant county officer, called.

Full session work to commence on Monday.

27th – School nurse called, examined sixty eight children. Two have nits.

S.A.O (Mrs Andrews) called.

29th – Miss Bridges, Head mistress, Bevois Town Infants' School, Southampton, called to say that fifteen of her children will be transferred to this school on Monday 2nd October 1939.

October 1939

2nd – Admitted sixteen children from Bevois Town Infants' School, Southampton, to work with our own children for normal peace-time sessions.

6th – Commenced fires today.

9th – Mrs Strutt, the caretaker, dropped dead on her way from school this morning.

10th – Teachers lit fires this morning with wood brought from home. The school supply has not been delivered yet.

The piano was tuned after school.

11th – Teachers lit fires this morning, girls dusted the classrooms.

There is much difficulty over late coming on the part of the evacuees

S.A.O called this morning.

16th – Mr Strutt attended to the offices this morning but no fires were lit or cleaning done over the weekend. The head mistress fetched wood from the Rectory to start

fires and the children kept overcoats on and had marching and assembly practice instead of Scripture. The morning was raw and foggy after a weekend of rain.

23rd – Miss Bridges called concerning evacuee returns.

25th – The water supplied laid on, none ready for use.

26th – S.A.O called this morning.

27th – Miss Miller, Assistant Ed. Officer, called this morning bringing Miss Buckley, in a similar position for the Southampton Authority. They saw the Southampton evacuees and arranged to send extra desks.

30th – Four dual desks have arrived during the weekend and seating accommodation is now adequate.

November 1939

8th – S.A.O called.

13th – Miss Slipper absent on approved, staggered half-term holiday. Miss Brooks, a retired certificated teacher, deputed so rearrangement of classes was not necessary.

17th – S.A.O called this morning.

Mrs Savage absent on approved half-term holiday. Arrangements the same as on Monday.

20th – The Head mistress absent on approved half term holiday. Std II worked with Stds III, IV. Std. I with the infants.

22nd – S.A.O. called.

23rd – A sample of milk was taken for the public analyst. Sample notified as "genuine".

28th – Heard that Mary Wilson was top of the county in the free place examination list and so qualifies for Canon Golden's prize of £ 2/16s worth of books.

December 1939

4th – S.A.O. visited this morning.

Examinations commence this week. Time table adapted as required.

5th – I visited the school and tested the register and found them correct.

T.H Sutton

12th – Miss Buckley and Mr Freeman called re. Christmas arrangements for Southampton evacuees.

Mrs Cummings called to know if arrangements had been made for entertaining evacuees during the holiday.

19th – S.A.O visited this morning.

Mr Hawkins visited this morning and presented prizes to those top in examinations.

21st – Closed school at 3.30 pm for Christmas break.

1940

January 1940

8th – School reopened.
Admitted three children.

11th – Severe frost, temperature 36°F at 8.45 am.

12th – Temperatures as yesterday. Only 44°F at 2 pm. S.A.O called this morning.

15th – Dr Blaker conducted a medical examination lasting the whole morning. He complained of the low temperature of the rooms (33°F at 9.45 am).
Babies in the middle room, Stds I, II in big room with Stds III, IV.

16th – Temperatures 35°F at 9 am.

17th – Temperatures 8.45 am, big room 30°F, inner room 32°F, baby room 32°F.
Headmistress out of school 9.10 to 10.15 am to visit doctor.

18th – Temperatures 8.45 am, big room 30°F, baby room 32°F, inner room 36°F.
Staff suffering from cold. Many children with bad coughs. Work constantly interrupted for warming exercises.

22nd – Temperatures 8.45 am, big room 33°F, baby room 34°F, inner room 39°F.
Registers not marked until 9.10 am because the red ink was frozen.
The first period was taken up with warming exercises.
S.A.O called.

23rd – Temperature 8.45 am, big room 33°F, baby room 33°F, inner room 36°F.
Babies spent first period performing warming exercises.

29th – A weekend of sleet and rain. The baby room roof has leaked and water formed in pools over the floor. The chairs are moved away from these to the fire. All the teachers have heavy colds and attendance is only 42/71.

30th – Mrs Savage went home at 2.30 pm yesterday.
Mrs Savage absent today.
Temperature 33°F at 8.45 am.
9 children present in Std III, IV, 23 on register
4 children present in Std I, II, 26 on register
8 children present in infants, 22 on register
21/71

31st – Temperature 36°F, attendance 23/71.

February 1940

13th – Took charge as temporary head. E. Bull

1st – School closed for two days as every teacher was ill and no supply available.

5th and 6th – Miss Slipper alone with an attendance of 58 children.

7th – Miss Bush, an uncertificated supply teacher, arrived at 10.30 am.

8th – Miss Bush arrived at 9.30 am.

Miss Miller, assistant education officer, visited at mid-day.

9th – Miss Bush arrived at 9.45 am.

12th – Miss Bush arrived at 10.45 am.

13th – Miss Bush arrived at 9.40 am. Ten minutes later, Miss Bull arrived from Ferndown Senior School, Miss Bush transferred to Ferndown.

14th – Miss Bull in charge but recalled for tomorrow.

15th and 16th – Miss Hiscock, an infants' teacher from Ferndown, replaced Miss Bull.

19th – Head teacher and Mrs Savage returned to duty. School back to ordinary routine.

21st – S.A.O. called this morning.

28th – S.A.O called this morning.

Inspector of Weights and Measures tested the school weighing machine and found it accurate.

March 1940

12th – S.A.O. called this morning.

I visited the school and checked the registers and found all correct.

Signature.

20th – Nurse called and examined 57 children, one had nits.

21st – School closed pm for Easter holidays.

April 1940

1st – School reopened for the summer term.

2nd – School attendance officer called.

8th – One boy returned home, sick, during the morning.

One girl excluded, verminous, in the afternoon. Both attendances cancelled.

H.M.I Mr Wright paid a visit of inspection.

12th – Nurse called to see the girl excluded on Monday.

15th – Nurse called again. The girl still absent.

17th – Nurse examined the girl who still has nits though nothing alive.

May 1940

2nd – Ascension Day service in church 9.15 to 9.40.

Nurse called, one girl still has nits.

7th – S.A.O called at lunch time.

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Inspected on April 8th 1940 Report by H.M.I Mr H.L Burrows

The head mistress has had charge of the school for about two years. She and her two assistants deserve praise and encouragement for the great interest they show in all their work. In all three classes there is a happy form of discipline. The children are pleasant to deal with. They settle down readily to all they are asked to do.

Good provision is made for the various activities which go to make a satisfactory curriculum for a junior and infants department. For instance in the top class, handwork, needlework and art interests all show good and attractive results. Some spirited country dancing was also seen at the visit.

As recurring illnesses have led to poor attendance since last October, no definite conclusions can be drawn from the results of the simple tests applied in reading, composition and arithmetic. But it is clear, from the neatness of the children's written exercises, that they take great care in what they are set to do. It is suggested that, when conditions again

become normal, it would be beneficial if the aims in these subjects were planned on somewhat broader lines so that, for instance, reading does not develop too exclusively along channels of mere speed, and that in arithmetic and written English the working of routine exercises goes better hand in hand with oral and written activities designed to appeal more readily to the children's interests. A greater liking for poetry might also be developed.

As an experiment, and also as a means of giving the two supplementary teachers (who for a number of years have taught only infants and lowest standards respectively), a chance of widening their experience, these two classes have changed hands for the present year. Though both teachers are working in a new range of aims and methods, the results especially in view of broken attendance are generally satisfactory.

F.W Peverelle

10th – School closes pm for Whitsuntide holiday.

14th – School reopened am. The holiday has been curtailed owing to national emergency. A.R.P drill taken.

15th – A girl caught her finger in the door at 2.5 pm, after first aid the head mistress took her to the doctor and was out of school till 2.20 pm.

17th – Nurse called to examine one girl, she still has nits.

22nd – S.A.O called this morning.

23rd – Needlework stock arrived.

24th – Twelve hundred weights of salvaged paper collected this morning. Instead of a half holiday on the occasion of Empire Day, the school was open to parents in the afternoon. Each class entertained in turn with songs and Empire dramatic items.

June 1940

3rd – Handwork stock arrived.

Infants out for nature walk and Stds I, II 2.45 – 3.15

5th – The dentist made a preliminary visit of inspection.

7th – S.A.O called this morning.

11th – Dr Blaker conducted a medical examination from 1.30 to 2.45 pm. Stds II, III, IV had lessons in the field. Infants and Std I in the baby room.

14th – The managers met the A.R.P warden here from 11-12 noon. It was decided to board up the lower skylight in the big room and put ½" wire netting over all windows.

17th – Cleaning materials arrived as per requisition.

21st – Sent off 4 cwt salvaged waste paper.

25th – Visited the school today and tested the registers, finding all correct. Only two absent out of the whole school. F.W Peverelle.

27th – Head mistress seven minutes late, petrol feed faulty in the car. Miss Slipper had to return to fetch her cycle and was fifteen minutes late.

July 1940

1st – Admitted ten children evacuees from Southampton. Mr Donaldson called regarding them.
The Rev. F.W Peverelle called.

3rd – S.A.O called.
Mr Watson called regarding evacuees.
Air Raid Siren sounded 3.5 pm. All clear 3.35 pm. Children scattered under desks.

4th – Mr Donaldson called regarding evacuees.
A workman here doing A.R.P work, the noise of hammering interrupted work.

9th Four bombs fell within one mile of here. Vibration felt and we took cover. No siren.

11th – School opened ten minutes late as sirens held up people on the way to work. A siren sounded at noon, children took cover and ate their lunches under the desks. All clear at 1.15 pm when certain children returned home for dinner. Registers remained open for them. All returned except two evacuees whose mother was visiting their billet.

15th – Received official notification that Rosamund Gent is granted a special place in Parkstone Grammar School.
Part of the stationery stock arrived.

17th – A.R warning 2.15 to 3.15 pm.

19th – S.A.O called.

22nd – Mr and Mrs Hawkins called and checked register.

24th – Mr Paterson, dentist, here from 11 am. The infants spent the day in the big room.

25th – Dentist still here. A.R warning 1.45 to 2.30 pm.

26th – A.R warning 9.30 to 10.30 am. Dentist delayed. Second warning 10.10 to 1 pm. Afternoon school commenced 1.40 pm.

A deputy for the County architect called concerning the installation of new heating apparatus.

Closed school pm for one week.

August 1940

5th – School reopened am, admitted two new children. An anthracite stove has been installed in big room.

9th – S.A.O called this morning.

13th – Air raid siren 12.5 to 12.55 pm. Afternoon school opened 1.45 pm.

8 cwts salvaged paper sent off today.

Air raid siren 3.35 pm, kept the children in school till 5.25 pm.

16th – Air raid siren 1.30 to 2.30 pm.

19th – Remainder of stationery stock arrived.

20th – Two tons of coal arrived.

22nd – Miss Miller delivered a stirrup pump.

23rd – Air raid siren 3 to 3.30 pm.

26th – S.A.O called this morning.

28th – 2 ¼ cwt salvaged paper sent off this morning.

A sports programme was held in the field during the afternoon, many parents were present. Prizes were presented by Mrs Hawkins in the school playground.

29th – Many children are very sleepy following the second seven hour night air raid. Air raid siren as children were leaving pm, they returned and waited till all clear at 4.10 pm.

30th School closed pm for one week.

September 1940

9th – School opened am. Admitted one child. One evacuee returned home. Seventy four on roll.

10th – Air raid siren 10.50 to 11.25 am.

13th – Doctor and two nurses here to treat thirty three children against diphtheria.

16th – Mr Wright (A.R.P) came to demonstrate the use of stirrup pump. Pump faulty so theory only taken.

20th – Doctor treated thirty three children against diphtheria.
Mr Wright demonstrated the use of a stirrup pump.

24th – Raw, cold morning, fires in all rooms.

25th – A.O called this morning.
Air raid siren 11.15 to 12.20.

26th – Children sleepy after two night alarms lasting seven and a half hours.
Four hundred weight of salvaged paper sent off.

27th – Air raid siren 9.15 to 9.25 am and 11.15 am to 12.20 pm.
Afternoon school commenced 1.35 pm.

30th – Air raid siren 11.5 to noon.

October 1940

1st – Air raid siren 10.50 to 11.20 am.
Dr Scott called re. diphtheria immunisation.

8th – The Rector called this morning.

9th – The Rector called this morning.

10th – Air raid siren 12.15 to 1.15 pm. Afternoon school commenced 2 pm. Chief air raid warden called.

11th – Nurse inspected sixty seven children, two had nits.
Air raid siren 11.25 am to 12.30 pm. Afternoon school commenced 1.30 pm.

15th – Air raid siren 12.5 to 12.55 pm. Afternoon school commenced 1.45 pm.

Two tons of coal delivered.

24th – S.A.O called. Air raid siren 1.10 to 1.25 pm.

November 1940

1st – All Saints Day. Service in church instead of scripture in school.
S.A.O called. School closed pm for half term.

11th – Reopened after half term break.
S.A.O called.

Miss Slipper absent suffering from an ulcerated throat. Std II works with III, IV, Std I with Infants.
Nurse called and excluded two children.

15th – Air raid siren 1.15 to 1.45 m.

18th – Attendance 49/73. Air raid siren lasting twelve hours last night. Children allowed to sleep in school. The chimney of the senior room was made unsafe by bomb vibration and men had to take it down. The class moved to the far end of the room as a safety measure.

19th – Miss Sleeper returned to duty.

20th – S.A.O called.

21st – Nurse excluded one of the children sent home on the 11th November, the other has not yet returned.

22nd – The Rector called.

25th – School opened at 9.30 because mornings are now too dark for the usual 8.55 am opening. Scripture is taken from 11.30 to 12. The Rector called.
Air raid siren 2.30 to 2.40.

26th – The Rector called.
Air raid siren 12.35 to 12.45 pm. Afternoon school commenced 1.25 pm.

28th – Air raid siren at 1.50 pm till 5.40 pm. After black-out. The children remained under cover until fetched by parents or friends. A few were unclaimed and dismissed at 4.45 pm in order to get home before black-out.

29th – Night siren 6.40 pm to 3 am. Children sleepy.

December 1940

2nd – Nurse called.

4th – S.A.O called.

5th – Air raid siren 2.10 pm to 3.35 pm.

9th – Admitted eight evacuees from Southampton.

10th – Mr Hawkins, manager, called to give £ 1 for Christmas items for the children.

13th – 6 cwt salvage taken away today.

16th – Twelve children absent with measles.

17th – S.A.O called this morning.
Country librarian called.

20th – Visited the school and checked the registers. All being well with the exception of several away owing to measles, 16 in the infant class absent. F.W Peverelle.

School closed pm after carols and gifts from Mr and Mrs Hawkins were presented by them personally. Each child received six pence from the sale of salvaged paper.

1941

January 1941

6th – School reopened, attendance 41/80, measles raging, two cases of scarlet fever. A small stationery order arrived.

8th – Rector called this morning.

Jean Bray (5 years) injured by lorry on way from school, died in hospital. Violet Grace (10 years) had both legs injured and internal injuries.

10th – Attendance bad this week, an average of 41.6 out of 80 on roll. Measles and chills are the cause.

13th – Dr Blaker examined thirty children from 1.30 to 4.00 pm.

14th – S.A.O called.

20th – The Rector called this morning.

23rd – Nurse examined sixty four children this afternoon, three have nits.

February 1941

3rd – Mr Damen (D.C.C) called concerning fire fighting arrangements. Snowy day, attendance 54/79.

4th – The Rector called to introduce Mr Mould, the new curate, who will take the upper group for scripture on Tuesday mornings.

5th – Head teacher absent suffering from acute coryza. Attendance poor, Stds II, III, IV worked together and infants and Std I.

6th – The Rector called.

7th – Head teacher returned to duty.

The Rector called.

S.A.O called.

13th – School cold, no coal. Children dismissed at 2.45 pm.

14th – Coal not arrived, so school not opened.

17th – School re-opened, 10 cwt of coal delivered.

19th – H.M.I Mr Wright called for the morning.

Mrs Savage had a bad cold, went home pm.

20th – Mrs Savage absent. The Rector called.

21st – Mrs Savage returned to duty am.

26th – Ash Wednesday Church service 9.30 to 10.15 am. 10 cwt coal arrived.

28th – S.A.O called.

March 1941

3rd – Received epidemic illness return permitting the disregard of attendances for week ending 10.1.41, when average attendance was 41.6.

6th – The Rector and S.A.O called.

10th – Recommenced 9 am opening.

11th – S.A.O called.

13th – Children set to sleep instead of scripture, alerts during three previous nights, ending 2 am, 1 am and 12.30 am respectively.
Temperature of baby room 44°F. Nothing but dusty coal left.
Rector called.

14th – No coal. Mr Trehane (manager) sent logs to provide some heat. Difficult to burn without coal.

17th – Very cold, foggy day. Heating arrangements as on Friday.

18th – Coal arrived, conditions normal again.

26th – Visited the school today. Tested the registers and found everything correct.
F.W Peverelle.

31st – Mr and Mrs Hawkins called.

End of year for the summary register.

Average attendance for year = under 5 : 1, under 15 = 64.

Average number on admission register = 74

Classification according to age : 9 boys under 7, 10 girls under 7, 29 boys under 12, 28 girls under 12.

End of savings year : £ 197 7s 6d collected.

April 1941

1st – Very wet. Attendance 40/76.

2nd – Sent off 9 cwt 21 lbs salvaged paper.

9th – School closed for Easter holiday.

21st – School reopened am. Two evacuees transferred to Ferndown, one returned home. Admitted three five year olds.
S.A.O called.

May 1941

1st – The Rector called.

7th – Visited the school today finding all correct after testing the registers. 78 on rolls, 57 present. F.W Peverelle.

Nurse made a routine inspection. 74 children present. Two sisters excluded as verminous.

8th – S.A.O called.

21st – S.A.O called. 5 cwt coal arrived. Wood for winter fires arrived.

22nd – Ascension Day. Church service 9.45 to 10.15 am instead of Scripture.

24th – Rector called.

29th – 10 cwt 21 lbs salvaged paper sent off.
Closed school pm for Whitsun.

June 1941

3rd – School reopened 9.30 am.

24th – S.A.O called.

25th – Nurse called, two children have nits.

July 1941

4th – S.A.O called.

7th – Four ARP Wardens conducted an inspection of gas masks.

11th – S.A.O called.

School closed at midday for attendance half holiday. 95.5 % for the month of June.

14th – School reopened am.

Nurse called and excluded one child with nits and another with ringworm.

23rd – S.A.O called.

Dr Blaker conducted a medical inspection from 9.40 to 12.30 pm.

24th – Open school for parents and friends.

A crowded gathering, two managers present.

£ 6 worth of needlework sold.

25th – School closed pm for midsummer holiday.

September 1941

1st – School reopened am. Admitted three boys in infants class. 70 on roll.

3rd – The Rector called.

4th – S.A.O called.

11th – P.C Arnold warned twenty children against stealing fruit from the Rectory garden.

16th – Part of the cleaning materials requisition arrived.

18th – S.A.O called.

One bale of blankets arrived in the morning, A.R.P official in the afternoon. He left instruction that black-out curtains are to be drawn each evening.

19th – Visited the school today. Tested the registers and found everything correct. F.W. Peverelle.

25th – Emergency food supplies arrived as per enclosed list.

29th – S.A.O called.

ARP officials examined all gas masks today.

30th – End of quarter.

Average on books 75

Average attendance 69.4

October 1941

3rd – Nurse inspected 58 children, two have a few nits.

8th – A further supply of food for store was delivered after school.

9th – S.A.O called.

13th – Started fires.

17th – S.A.O called.

20th – Rector called.

Mrs Taylor called concerning the Rest Centre she is to organise in this building.

23rd – Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bennett called to check stores.

28th – Requisition stock arrived.

28th – Billeting officer called.

31st – School closed midday for All Saints Day. Half holiday.

November 1941

3rd – School reopened.

4th – Mr Andrews, S.A.O, called.

Rector called giving notice of a half term holiday to be taken next Friday.

7th – 5 tons 15 cwt 11 qrs of anthracite delivered. Stored in the bicycle shed since there was no other available spot.

School closed pm for half term holiday.

10th – School reopened.

14th – Visited the school today. Tested the register and found everything correct.

F.W Peverelle.

865 lbs salvage removed.

21st – S.A.O called.

24th – Rest centre official arrived to check stores.

26th – H.M.I Mr Wright called in the morning.

27th – Scripture inspection conducted by Dr Bailey. The Rector present. Registers not marked.

28th – End of Worships Week, £ 120 18 s collected during the week.

December 1941

4th – Nurse called, one child should be excluded but the mother is out at work so she could not be sent home.

S.A.O called.

Nurse returned and excluded the child at dinner time.

12th – Nurse called, examined the two children who had nits at her last visit. The trouble is still not cleared up.

17th – The Rector called.

18th – Billeting officer called.

S.A.O called.

Mr Trehane (manager) called, he is sending a case of apples for the children at breaking up.

19th – School closed pm with a carol concert. The children went home with six pence each, an apple and a bag of sweets.

1942

January 1942

6th – School opened am after Christmas holiday. New cleaner commenced duties. Morning temperature 34°F. The Rector called, bringing the Scripture report.

Inspector's report of Hampreston School. Deanery of Wimborne. Inspected 27.11.41

The religious education given in this school reflects a sincere and vital reality of approach.

The worship was inspiring in its intelligent arrangement and suitable language and in the still reverence with which it was offered. The rendering of the singing was alive and worshipful.

This training in real worship through worship, is especially noteworthy. The syllabus had been thought out with care, and the children's response was glad and ready, betraying a delighted interest in their lessons. The head teacher and staff are to be warmly commended on the splendid results of their ministry and the sound start which they have made in the year's work. The tone and atmosphere of the school are excellent.

Rowland Bailey

12th – Morning temperature in the large room and baby room 29°F, in the middle room 32°F. Work badly interrupted for warming exercises. Dr Blaker conducted a medical inspection from 1.45 to 3.30 pm. Classes reorganised accordingly. He complained of the low temperatures of the rooms.

13th – Exceptionally wet morning, attendance 48/77. School dentist inspected teeth from 9.30 to 10.45.

14th – Temperature 39°F in the large room and baby room, 40°F in the middle room at 9.30 am.

15th – Two rooms 32°F, the other 35°F at 9.30 am. 480 lbs of salvage sent off.

16th – Temperatures 38°F, 39°F and 40°F in the three rooms. Stove still not alight. Miss Grimwood, P.T. Organiser, called pm and saw the upper group dance, the lower groups at warming activities and took the top class out for five minutes.

29th – 488 lbs salvage sent off.

February 1942

3rd – 30 cwt coal arrived.

4th – The Rector called.

6th – The sump from the infants urinal was cleared and the drain connected to the cesspool.

9th – Nurse inspected 72 children, one had a few nits.

12th – Mrs Taylor called about more stores for rest centre.

13th – Mrs Taylor spent an hour here arranging site for new stores.

16th – Arrived this morning to find 25 blankets, 12 mattresses, two stoves and an oven here for the rest centre.

18th – Ash Wednesday, service in church instead of Scripture in school. School closed pm. Dentist here for treatments. He treated one child, the next was sick with cold. The temperature were so low that treatment had to be abandoned.

19th – Mr Bradley here to collect his apparatus, after arranging to come when the weather is warmer. Before leaving he said he had reported the impossibility of work to the county medical officer. A member of the county architect's office came to inspect the non working stove, to measure rooms and size of heating apparatus. He upheld the dentist's decision as to working conditions.

20th – 298 lbs of salvage sent off.

26th – Miss F.S Hinchy, ministry of health inspector, called regarding rest centre. Stayed fifty minutes. Mr Trehane called.

27th – The Rector called.

March 1942

5th – Inspector of weights and measures tested the weighing machine and found all correct.

16th – Gas masks inspected by A.R wardens.

17th – Petty cash reimbursement for December quarter.

18th – Mrs Taylor called regarding new supplies for the rest centre.

19th – S.A. O called.
Mr and Mrs Hawkins called.

20th – 260 lbs of salvage collected.

The Rector called.

Gas Co. Representative called to measure the rooms to decide as to how many gas radiators are necessary.

23rd – Mrs Taylor called re. dispositions of rest centre stove.

30th – Visited the school this morning. Tested the registers and found everything in order. F.W Peverelle.

31st – School closed pm for Easter holiday. Average number on books for the year 76. Average attendance 68.3.

April 1942

14th – School reopened am.

23rd – Rector called.

24th – 276 lbs salvage sent off.

21 lbs broom tips sent.

May 1942

8th – Mr Bradley here for dental treatment.

9th – Infants in Std I, II room and this group out in the senior room. Timetable modified as necessary.

14th – Ascension Day service in church till 10.15 am. School closed 12.30 pm for half holiday.

15th – School reopened am.

22nd – 257 lbs salvage sent off. £ 1.7.9 paid for weight sent from January to March. School closed pm for Whitsuntide holidays.

June 1942

1st – School reopened am. Admitted two five year olds.

15th – Visited the school this morning. Tested the registers and found all correct. F.W Peverelle.

17th – S.A.O called this morning.
Nurse inspected 74 children, one had nits.
Billeting officer called.

18th – The local policeman interviewed seven boys concerning a house fire yesterday.

19th – Dr Blaker medically examined 24 children. Infants' room cleared, Stds I-IV in big room, timetable adjusted as necessary for the morning.

23rd – The Dr sent a Red Cross nurse to arrange for immunising.

25th – Fifty seven children (22 below school age) were treated against diphtheria in the afternoon.

July 1942

22nd – Nurse brought cards ready for the immunisation tomorrow.
Nurse examined 68 children, excluded one verminous.

23rd – Fifty three children received anti-diphtheria injections.

24th – 504 lbs of salvage sent off.

28th – Open day. Parents visited school to see work and enjoy a school entertainment. Mr and Mrs Hawkins represented the managers.

29th – School closed pm for summer holiday.

August 1942

21st – School reopened am for autumn term. A Friday and wet caused poor attendance. 54 %, chicken pox prevalent.
The baby and inner rooms have been colour-washed during the holiday.

28th – Needles and cretonne arrived as partial completion of needlework order.

31st – Visited the school today, checked the registers and found everything quite correct. F.W Peverelle.

September 1942

1st – 553 lbs of salvage sent off.

9th – Mrs Taylor called re Rest centre.

10th – Mrs Hulme here regarding evacuees.

11th – Mrs Vacker (parent) presented a rocking horse for the baby room.

15th – Rector and ARP officer here regarding fixture of boiler.

18th – Official notification that Penelope Sinclair has been awarded a special place at Parkstone Grammar School (she commenced attendance there on 15th !)

22nd – Mr Brown called, paid him for minor repairs.

Mr Trehane called to arrange for positions of coke-burning stoves to be installed.
S.A.O called.

Miss Grimwood visited to see all the children at physical exercises.

A workman arrived to fix an A.R.P boiler for the Rest centre.

Master builder came to inspect his workman.

A most interrupted day's work !

23rd – Mrs Taylor called.

24th – 297 lbs salvage sent off . 12/3 received for June quarter's salvage.

25th – Rector called. School closed pm for two weeks.

October 1942

12th – Reopened am. Temperatures 49° but no fires for the present.

13th – Stationery stock arrived.

14th – Mr Damen (architect's office D.C.C) called regarding stoves. A small coke stove has been installed in Baby room. There is a suggestion that the tortoisette in big room be returned to store, or supplier, to be replaced by a coke burner.

19th – H.M.I Mr Wright spent the day here for inspection. Discussed the present inadequate heating arrangements.

22nd – Wet, raw morning. Started fires.

23rd – Nurse inspected 50 children, all clean.

26th – 189 lbs salvage sent off. £ 1-4-3 received for previous quarter's collection.
Wet morning, attendance 44/71.

November 1942

2nd – Stove installed in large room. No coke, so no fires yet. Temperature 44°F.

9th – Temperature 42°F in large room, stove lighted with coal for fuel.

18th – 97 lbs salvage sent off.

December 1942

7th – Mr Hawkins (manager) called.

9th – Visited the school, checked the registers finding all correct. F.W Peverelle.

18th – School closed pm for Christmas holiday. Managers present for carol concert.

21st – 215 lbs.

1943

January 1943

4th – School reopened am.
S.A.O called. Rector called.

11th – Nurse called.

18th – 1 ton of cola came.

21st – Mrs Taylor called re Rest centre.
S.A.O called to have prosecution form signed.

25th – 208 lbs salvage sent off.

February 1943

2nd – Head teacher 1 ¼ hour late, owing to detour due to fallen tree and running out of petrol.

19th – Stock arrived, following an order in November 1942.

24th – Mr and Mrs Hawkins called, previous to a managers' meeting.

25th – Miss Slipper absent, suffering from influenza.

March 1943

1st – Miss Slipper returned to duty.
Dr Blaker examined 29 children.
260 lbs salvage sent off.

4th – Rector called.

5th – School closed pm for mid term break.

9th – School reopened am.
Visited the school and tested the registers, finding everything correct. F.W Peverelle.

10th – School closed. Ash Wednesday.

11th – School reopened am.

12th – Head teacher absent. Miss Brooks, certificated teacher, in charge unofficially – without pay.

15th – Mrs Savage in charge.

17th – Rev. L. Addison conducted an inspection of religious knowledge.

22nd – Head teacher returned to duty. Rector called.

25th – Dr Le Gept immunised 20 children against diphtheria. 1 ¼ hour.

29th – 208 lbs salvage sent off. 278 lbs of books, 672 volumes, 8 lbs rubber. Nurse examined all children, clear.

31st – End of year, average on registers 73.15, average attendance 605.

April 1943

1st – Rector called with the Scripture report.

Form 4a

Inspector's report of Hampreston School, J.I Inspected March 17th 1943

This school continues its good work in religious instruction and much good work is being done in the formation of Christian character.

The opening worship, with Prayers, Psalms and Hymns, was of a good type and the children took their part happily and with reverence.

The children throughout the school gave a good account of their knowledge of the selected Bible stories, the details of which had been well grasped. There is a spirit of keen interest in the school and there were many good answers to my questions.

The school is in need of a copy of "Pioneers of the Kingdom".

**Signed Lancelot Addison
R.D Diocesan Inspector**

7th - H.M.I Mr Burrows spent the morning here.
The Rector called.

13th – S.A. O called.
School closed pm for Easter holiday.

28th – School reopened am.
Admitted five children to the infants' class. One 3 year old whose mother is on war work.

May 1943

3rd – 300 books sent for salvage 158 lbs ; rubber 139 lbs ; paper 232 lbs.
Rector called.

6th – Dr gave second injection against diphtheria to 19 children. 1 ¼ hours

12th – Dentist examined 50 children. ¾ hour.

17th – Visited the school today where the registers were tested. All being perfectly correct. F.W Peverelle.

Served school dinners, delivered, by W.V.S from Ferndown canteen.

20th – Dr Blaker examined children. 2 hours.
S.A.O called.

21st – Dentist, W. Phillips, here for fillings and extractions. Std I, II in large room, work disorganised 5 hours.

21st – The dinners were minus pudding as delivered from Ferndown canteen. After sending for same, it arrived so late that afternoon school was ten minutes late in starting.

24th – Dentist here all day, work upset. 5 hours.

Opening of "Wings for Victory" week, took £ 129.6.

In sports, held in connexion with the "Wings" week, four boys and one girl won first prizes in flat and potato races.

26th – Head teacher out of school from 11.30 am to preside the target ceremony in Wimborne Square at noon.

Nurse examined 69 children, 2 have nits.

28th – End of "Wings" week, £ 764.13.6 collected in school.

31st – 457 lbs paper sent for salvage, 65 lbs rubbers, 50 lbs books.

June 1943

2nd – Needlework and handwork stock arrived, many items not sent.

3rd – Ascension Day, school closed.

4th – School reopened. Rector called.

11th – School closed pm for Whitsuntide.

17th – School reopened after Whitsuntide break.

Rector called.

Four children called for interview in connection with the Special Place examination.

28th – 188 lbs paper, 15 lbs rubber sent for salvage. £ 1-1 s received as payment up to March 31st.

29th – Mr Taylor called re Rest centre.

Gas man estimated for brackets and mantles.

30th – S.A.O here 30 minutes, about F.M.I forms.

End of quarter. Average attendance 69.8, on roll 77.8, ie 89 %.

July 1943

6th – Rector called.

9th – Rector called. School closed pm for head teacher to attend refresher course in religious knowledge at Salisbury during the weekend.

12th – School reopened am.

14th – Miss Grimwood called, brining 12 pairs plimsolls.

26th – 404 lbs salvage sent off. 15 lbs rubber.

August 1943

6th – Checked the register when I visited the school this morning and found everything correct. F.W Peverelle.

5th – Mr Damen (County Architect's office) called accompanied by the gas co. Inspector, regarding the washing up of dinner things. The managers to be asked to agree to the cutting of a door from the main room into the pantry of the school house. In the pantry a cupboard, sink, draining boards and water heater to be fixed. Mr Trehane called during the dinner hour to discuss these propositions.

11th – Open day. Parents arrived at 2.30 am to see work and short entertainment. Four managers present, the Rector, Mr and Mrs Hawkins and Mr Trehane.

12th – Mrs Taylor gave a tea to all the children, in school. Games after tea.

13th – School closed pm for summer holiday.

September 1943

6th – School reopened am. Admitted 2 children. 74 on roll.
During the holiday, the mantelpiece in the big room was repaired.

At the Parish show, during the holiday, 17 children won prizes, 4 first, 5 second, 6 third and 2 highly commended. All the handwriting, needlework, raffia prizes, 2nd and 3rd for essay, 2nd 3rd bags, 1st for a new garment from old, 3rd for arranging wild flowers.

7th – Mr Stacey called to inspect gas lights.

9th – Canteen tables and forms arrived. Three tables unusable because of screws missing. One form broken.

13th – 403 lbs paper sent off. 39 lbs rubber.

14th – 7 dual desks arrived from Ferndown School for use in the middle room. This enables larger tables to be spared for the infant room.

17th – Nurse examined 74 children, 2 had nits.
S.A.O called.

20th – Canteen meals broke down owing to illness on the part of the cook.

21st – Bitterly cold in school, wet.

22nd – Caretaker lit fires which were allowed to go out after the first chill was over.

September 1943

22nd – Cleaning materials stock arrived.

24th – General requisition arrived. Ordered last April 9th !

October 1943

1st – School closed pm for two weeks. A potato lifting holiday.

18th – School reopened am
317 lbs of paper, 10 lbs rubber collected.

19th – The Rector called to introduce the Rev. Woods, the new Curate, who will take church teaching with the upper class each Tuesday.

S.A.O called.

Mr Westlake called to inform the head teacher that her petrol would be issued from the county staff car pool in future.

22nd – Nurse examined 74 children, 1 child had nits.

25th – An interrupted morning. Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bennett arrived at 10.15 to check and exchange Rest Centre stores. Mr Damen arrived at 10.30 to discuss washing up facilities for canteen. He left at 11 and Mr Stacey arrived with stores, many more than were removed. The helpers left at 12.15 pm.

29th – School closed for the afternoon. A half holiday for attendance (96.8 %) in the previous four weeks.

November 1943

1st – School reopened.

8th – Rector called. S.A.O called. Rector called again concerning the chimney of the stove. Mrs Taylor called.

9th – Builder here adjusting chimney.

18th – Miss Miller, assistant education officer, called at 12.25 pm, stayed for lunch. Left at 2.10 pm.

29th – 514 lbs paper salvage sent off.

Received news from education officer that Royston Edgar Spragg had gained first place on the rural list of candidates in the examination for special places in 1943. He is awarded the Canon Golden prize of books valued at £ 2.50.

December 1943

3rd – School closed mid day for half day. 95 % attendance for previous month.

6th – Reopened am.

Visited the school and checked the registers and found all correct. F.W Peverelle.

13th – Nurse examined 15 children, one has nits.

16th – Mrs Hawkins (manager) called, bringing a gift of £ 1 to be spent for the children.

22nd – School closed pm for Christmas holiday. Carols were sung and the rev. Peverelle, Rev Woods and Mrs Taylor were present. Mr Trehane sent the children an apple each and Miss Brooks gave every child a 3d.

1944

January 1944

10th – School reopened am. No hot dinners served as workmen are busy on the drains for the new washing up arrangements.

3rd – 153 lbs paper collected.

14th – Work completed for washing up except the connection of the hot water heater.

18th – Rector called. Dr Blaker spent from 2 to 3.45 pm here for medical inspection. Std I, II moved to the big room, the infants into the inner room to release their room for the doctor.

Miss Penman called to see the completed canteen arrangement. The Richmond Radiation water heater supplies only warm water, unsuitable for dealing with greasy dinner plates. Miss Penman refused to sanction this arrangement.

20th – Mrs Taylor called re Rest Centre. Nurse called.

24th – Rector called.

25th – Head teacher left at 2.15 pm to attend a slipper making class at Colehill, Wimborne.

26th – Mrs Savage absent all day, with permission from the managers, to attend her Guardian's funeral. Warden attended in the afternoon to test gas masks.

27th – Stationery stock arrived from Messrs Hope. Canteen table clothes arrived for infants.

31st – 150 lbs salvage sent off. £ 2.5.6 received for salvage collected since March 31st 1943.

February 1944

8th – Head teacher left at 2.15 pm to attend a slipper making class at Colehill, Wimborne.

14th – The Rector called.

23rd – Ash Wednesday, service in church at 9.30 am. Half holiday.

28th – 208 lbs paper, 15 lbs rubber sent to salvage.

March 1944

7th – Rector called.

13th – Visited the school today. Checked the registers and found all correct. F.W Peverelle.

15th – Nurse examined 75 children, the usual one has nits.

24th – The Rector called.

27th – 144 lbs paper salvage and 75 lbs rubber sent off.

31st – Rector called.
School closed pm for Easter break of two weeks.

April 1944

17th – School reopened am. Admitted three children to the infant class. Two girls left.

27th – Bombing on the night of April 23rd necessitated the use of the building as a Rest centre. Tiles were stripped from the school roof and when these were secured, school reopened on 27th April. 67/78 present.
Salute to Soldier week raised £ 1156.80 in school.

May 1944

1st – 117 lbs paper, 5 lbs rubber, 2270 books sent off for salvage.

3rd – School closed for the day so that the older children could take part in a youth display in Wimborne in connexion with the Salute the Soldier Campaign.
Mrs Taylors spent time here with the County public assistance officer, checking Rest centre equipment.

4th – Mr Chippendall called regarding incidents last week when the Rest centre had to be opened.

5th – Rev. Woods called.

9th – County Librarian called. Mr Trehane called.

10th – Men started retiling roof (war damage). Mr Wright spent afternoon here reporting on war damage. Constant noise is bad for work.

18th – School closed for the day. Ascension Day.

22nd – 274 books to add to the Brook drive, total making 2544 collected in all.

26th – School closed pm for Whitsuntide.

31st – School reopened am. Nurse examined seventy children, all clean.

June 1944

19th – 362 lbs of paper salvage, 20 lbs rubber sent for salvage.

23rd – Dr Blaker examined 19 children this morning. Rearrangement of classes necessary to have the infant room free.

29th – Mr Borrows (H.M.I) spent the morning here.

July 1944

3rd – Visited the school and tested the registers, all correct. F.W Peverelle.