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20th September, 1968.

Horton-in-Ribblesdale C.E.(Aided) School  
Headmaster's Report  
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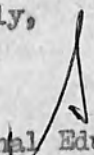
Dear Mr. Brinley,

Thank you for your letter of the 17th September, 1968.

I was most interested to read your Report to the Managers  
in respect of the school year 1967-68.

Your reference to the help and assistance given by Officers  
of the Authority is noted and appreciated by all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

  
Divisional Education Officer.

J.R. Brinley, Esq.,  
C.E. School,  
Horton-in-Ribblesdale,  
Nr. Settle.



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17th September 1968.

Dear Mr. Riddiugh,

Attached is a copy of my report to the Managers of this school for the School Year 1967 - 1968. This report was presented yesterday, at the Managers' September meeting, rather than their last meeting in July, in order to give me the chance to reach the end of the academic year before launching into my first attempt to report to them!

Yours sincerely,

The DEO,  
Skipton.

Headmaster's Report to the Managers of Horton in Ribblesdale Church of England School for the School Year 1967 - 1968.

To the Chairman of the School Managers,

Sir,

It is my pleasant duty to report to you and your colleagues on the general condition of the school, the work and progress of its pupils and special occasions and occurrences during the year as follows:-

First Term, September to Christmas

The term commenced on September 4th 1967, with Mr. R. Crossland of the West Riding County Council's Head Teacher Supply Staff in charge of the school. Details recorded by him in the School Log Book enable me to report on the term. The number of children on roll was 57. The full-time teaching staff were augmented by Mrs. Salisbury who taught for six hours per week. The school's additional staff were the same as for the whole of the year, namely Mrs. Thistlethwaite, assisted by Mrs. D. Parker, in the school kitchen, Mrs. D. Metcalfe and Mrs. E. Parker as school meals assistants and Mrs. D. Metcalfe also employed as part-time clerical assistant. The team was ably completed by Mr. Thistlethwaite as caretaker.

The Log Book shows that the school had numerous visitors during the term, who came in their official capacities. These included the Divisional Medical Officer, the School Meals Organiser, the Welfare Officer and the Health Visitor.

Considerable electrical repair work appears to have been carried out in this term, the results of which were inspected by the Chief Electrical Engineer of WRCC on Sept 25th. I note that his suggestion that the switch boxes be boxed in by joiners has not as yet been complied with in the School Kitchen. A visit connected with the proposed general alterations and extensions to the school was made by the Divisional Education Officer, Mr. J. D. Riddiough, on Nov 4th.

Further developments in the constitution of the teaching staff in the latter part of the term included a teaching practice by Mr. Weld and changes in the part-time staff, with Mrs Salisbury being succeeded by Mrs Swale and Mrs Swale in her turn by Mrs J. Walker of Settle. I am pleased to report that Mrs. Walker is still with us.

The term ended with the usual Christmas Party festivities for the children. The School Carol Service was held with parents and friends present in the Parish Church on Dec 18th.

Second Term, January to Easter

The term commenced on January 8th. A previous meeting with Mrs. A. Morphet and Mrs. E. Morphet enabled me to assume the duties of Headmaster with very little difficulty. During the course of the first two days new admissions to the school and some transfers between classes resulted in a school roll of 64, with 22 children in the Infants class, 22 in J1 and 20 in J2.

I feel that at this point I must record my thanks to all the present members of staff for giving me so much help from the very outset of my work here and also to Mr. Crossland for having left me so many helpful notes and to my predecessor, Mr. Booth, whom I have now met on a number of occasions and who has gone to considerable trouble to help me with advice based on his experience.

The work of the school during this first term of my appointment was based, naturally, on the very sound plans of Mr. Booth and I have found as time passes that he and I are very much 'kindred spirits' in our ideas on school life and work. The general friendly atmosphere of the school, the easy relationships between staff and pupils and the absence of any discipline problems beyond occasional natural naughtiness are a great credit to his leadership and I shall be more than satisfied to do as well.

As is common in most schools today, our work is based on the idea of children finding things out for themselves rather than being always instructed. The teaching of basic skills, particularly to the infants and younger juniors is of course not neglected. A logical progression is maintained in the learning of reading and number skills particularly. However, the stock of modern reference books suited to the ability of the children and of items of mathematical, scientific, musical and other equipment which children can use is being increased as rapidly as funds allow. I am pleased to be able to report that I have been able to add to the many valuable pieces of more expensive equipment provided during Mr. Booth's time by purchasing through our very healthy School Fund a tape recorder, a cine-camera, a considerable amount of first class aquarium equipment and stock and a selection of some thirty 12" and 10" long-playing musical records ranging from scores of well-known modern musicals, through Gilbert and Sullivan scores, the music of Strauss and others to many of the great classical symphonies.

During this, my first term, I have received invaluable help from the officers of the LEA. Visitors to the school have included the Divisional Education Officer, Mr. Riddiough, the County Council Inspector of Schools, Miss Inrie, and many representatives of the Authority's various departments, such as Medical, Welfare, Building, School Meals, Playing Fields etc. My letters and telephone calls to officers of the authority have always met with courtesy and assistance.

Repairs and other works at the school in the course of the term included work to the roof and ceiling to stop a leak over the girls' cloakroom and a further check of electrical installations. Additional and replacement furniture supplied by WRCC included new and good secondhand chairs and desks, and two large joiners benches to increase our scope in handwork.

During this term, the normal daily worship of the school was augmented by attendance at the Parish Church by all the Juniors on Ash Wednesday. A Communion Service was held, with hymns chosen by the children. ~~This proved to be a valuable experience, especially as the Vicar had explained the service to the children in school beforehand.~~

### Third Term, April to July

The term commenced on April 23rd. Four new children were admitted and two, Andrew and Alison Wright, had left the village to live in Derbyshire. Thus, the school roll rose to 66.

The academic work of the school proceeded as previously, with great advantage being taken of the improved weather and ideal surroundings. Nature Study, Art and games lessons were held outdoors as often as possible. The children's knowledge of the ecology of the Horton Beck and its banks increased enormously!

Considerable but careful use of many of the excellent television and radio series of lessons was made by all three classes. With thoughtful preparation and 'follow-up' these lessons provide a wealth of background knowledge which children would otherwise acquire only with great difficulty or perhaps not at all.

Further supplies of furniture arrived from the WRCC, including three excellent storage cabinets with formica work tops and two new cupboards. This has eased our storage space problems considerably.

School functions during the term included a most enjoyable visit by four members of the West Riding Woodwind Quintet, who explained the workings of their instruments to the children and then concluded with a short concert which held them spellbound. Later in the term, the Annual School Trip was made, this year to Fountains Abbey and thence to Flamingo Park Zoo at Malton. 39 children, three staff and four helpers attended the trip, and thanks to the subsidising of the trip by a grant from the Managers, the cost to children was kept down to 15/- per head. This amount covered all admission charges, coach fare, souvenirs, a real 'sticky bun' tea and a little extra pocket money here and there when funds ran out.

The Annual Inspection of the school for the Bradford Diocesan Education Committee was carried out on July 2nd by Reverend W. Ruck of Ingleton, representing Canon Baker. Mr. Ruck was with us for most of the afternoon and was able to have a discussion with the staff, to spend a lesson with the Infants and to join the Junior classes for their usual Tuesday hymn practice and singing lesson. As may be expected, some of the children's answers to Mr. Ruck's questions owed as much to a lively imagination as to a knowledge of the Scriptures!

At the end of term, I decided to replace the traditional written reports to parents with a series of '10 minute interviews.' The reasons for this are many. The more recent teaching methods do not lend themselves easily to a formal subject by subject report and I felt also that I had had little contact with many of the parents, particularly those I most wished to meet. The final result was a compromise. A short written summary of work, attitude to school etc. was prepared and sent home to the parents of each child leaving the school or being transferred to a new class. All parents were invited to the school on an appointment basis, those who could come during the school day and seeing the school at work and those who could not attend then coming to see me during the evening of the last Monday.

On Ascension Day, May 23rd, the children of the Junior Classes attended a Service of Holy Communion at the Parish Church at 9.30 a.m. Some parents were able to join us for the Service. Although the children did not of course go up to the altar rail, the service was a most valuable experience for them, particularly as the Vicar had explained the meaning of the celebration of Holy Communion and the significance of the various parts of the Service to them during a lesson at school beforehand.

The parents of nearly all the children were able to come and I was pleased to find that almost without exception they welcomed the opportunity and felt that a chance to talk to the teachers about the children and the school was much more useful to them and to the teachers than the presentation of a written report would have been. I am sure that as a result of this many parents who would previously have hesitated to 'drop in' at the school will now feel that they may do so whenever they wish and that they will be welcomed. I propose to continue this practice in future terms.

Another useful contact with parents was established when the children due to start in September were invited to the school with their mothers on the final Wednesday afternoon of term. The children were able to spend the afternoon at work and play with the Infants class and the mothers were able to ask any questions they wished of the staff.

Term ended on July 26th for the Summer Holidays. At our last Assembly Service we said goodbye to nine boys and four girls who were transferring to Settle High School. It is perhaps appropriate that this year's school photographs arrived on that day, thus giving our leavers a pleasant memento to go with them.

#### Other points of note

##### Annual grant of money from the Managers

I thank the Managers for kindly agreeing to my request that this year there should be no prizes, but rather that the money should go into the School Fund. At the time of writing this report, some three pounds has been spent on the expenses of the School Trip and the remainder has been earmarked for the future purchase of equipment.

##### Staff attendance at Courses etc.

The availability of courses and the domestic commitments of the assistant teachers has meant that only the Headmaster has been able to attend courses this year, but you will appreciate that attendance by any teacher results in knowledge useful to all. I have been able to attend a New Headteachers Course at Woolley Hall, a course in Junior games at Skipton and Settle and a series of most useful meetings of the Primary Heads Discussion group, whose membership includes most Heads in an area bounded roughly by Hellifield and Sedburgh.

Finally, may I say that I hope that you, Mr. Chairman and the Managers find this report helpful and comprehensive. I thank you all for your help and take this opportunity to ask you all to call at the school whenever you are able to do so, whether the reasons be official or social.

*[Signature]*  
Headmaster.