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Mr. Bradbright. I spoke to
Mr. Bradley.

This painting wd.
be done when school was
rehab. - It is obviously
not 'fast' oil bound paint
but emulsion and of the
non-washable type.

The W. R. uses
'washable' - and the
position will be corrected
at the next repainting -
It is NOT down for
repainting in 1973. -

Initial plg. on new
plaster with emulsion
is never very satisfactory
from a long term
point of view but is
acceptable until the
plaster has aged.

Prof.

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R - Can you pl. ask about this? "unwashable" paint? Would Mr. Womersley help?

Your Reference

My Reference

JPI/KB.

Pl. let me have back. 25/9.

Mr. J. D. Riddiough.

21.9.72.

Private and Confidential

Headmaster's Report - Horton-in-Ribblesdale C.E. School.

1. A remark which he has no authority to make and I would have thought, insufficient experience either.
2. I hope the school is tidier and the caretaking better than on the occasions when I have visited previously. Is it true that the paint is not washable? If so, then this must be corrected at the next repainting.
3. I find ~~that~~ this a very strange report!

Jean H. Tunne
Area Adviser

Miss Finnie.

for inf. & return, pl.

J.M.
14/9.

D.O.

14th September, 1972.

R.H. Martin, Esq.,
C.E. (Aided) Primary School,
Horton-in-Ribblesdale,
Nr. Settle.

Dear Mr. Martin,

Thank you for the copy of your report to the Managers
for the year 1971/72. I have read it with interest.

Yours sincerely,

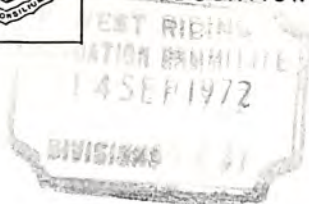


Divisional Education Officer.



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Horton. In. Ribblesdale
Cof. E. J. M. G. Inf. School.
13. 9. 72.

Divisional Education Officer
Education Office
Skipton.

Dear Sir,

I enclose the
Headmaster's Report to the Managers
of Horton. In. Ribblesdale Church of
England School for school year
1971 to 1972.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Martin

Headteacher

Headmaster's Report to the Managers of Horton in Ribblesdale
Church of England School for the School Year 1971 to 1972.

To the Chairman of the School Managers,

Sir,

It is my pleasure to report to you and your colleagues on the affairs and condition of the school under the following headings :-

Staff : Mr. H. G. Mounsey was acting headmaster of the school for the autumn term. I myself assumed duties as headmaster as from the beginning of the winter term.

The school has been very fortunate in having no changes among the assistant teaching staff.

Mrs. Morphet has continued her excellent work among the lower juniors (with one or two top infants). She has shown herself to have a sensitivity to the needs and problems of the children under her care, a sensitivity which is alas often lacking in many teachers of our schools today. I think she is also to be especially commended for her work with regard to two children. The first child was not able to respond to normal teaching methods so Mrs. Morphet spent a great deal of time (much of it out of school hours) preparing special work for this pupil as well as reading books and attending a course in order to find out how to cope with the learning difficulties of this particular child. The second child while able to learn normally suffers from an especially difficult home background often being sent to school in rags and with shoes with no soles to them. Mrs. Morphet supplied this child with clothes, shoes etc., which alas were often worn once or twice and not seen again not we believe due to any carelessness on the part of the child.

Miss Hay, now out of her probationary year, has continued doing excellent work among the infants also showing a sensitivity and understanding of the individual needs and problems of her pupils. You will realise the peculiar problems of this school when you know that on at least two mornings a week Miss Hay has to leave her house at ten minutes past seven in the morning in order to get to school by public transport.

Mrs. Clark has proved to be invaluable as a part time assistant spending her time partly between taking the headteacher's class and taking remedial groups or relieving the other two teachers so that they may do remedial work.

Mrs. Armstrong assumed duties as a non-teaching assistant for three hours a week and has proved invaluable in doing numerous jobs such as preparing books, mounting pictures etc.

Mrs. Metcalf has proved to be very conscientious at her job as secretary. Her work has been made unnecessarily difficult because of the persistent failure of two or three parents to pay their dinner money at the correct time.

Mr. Thistlethwaite has continued his work as caretaker. When taking over here I tried to meet his justifiable complaints about mud and dirt coming into school. Mr Peet visited the school to inspect the standard of caretaking on the second day of the winter term. He expressed the view that the lapses of the caretaker were due to his being dispirited because of the mud etc., being brought into the school and because of the general lack of care shown by many of the children with regard to school property. Being only my second day of term-work here I was equally concerned about this.

Mrs. Metcalfe and Mrs. Armstrong have also done good work as mid-day supervisory assistants.

Mrs. May finished as cook-in-charge of the school kitchen on April 28th. This was a great pity as she was an excellent cook. Miss E. Mason was appointed as cook-in-charge but had left by May 22nd. Since then the post has been vacant, there being no suitable applicants.

Mrs Thistlethwaite was joined by Mrs Bainbridge at the beginning of the spring term as general kitchen assistant.

Children : We began the academic year with 71 children on the roll and ended with exactly the same number though not, of course, with exactly the same children as there were departures and new admissions during the year.

Visits were organised for the junior children to Corn Mill Museum at Skipton and for the infant children to the fire station at Keighley. I think all the children who came learnt a lot from these visits.

On the annual school outing the children who came visited Manchester Airport and Knowsley Safari Park.

Four football matches and two rounders matches were organised after school against teams from Langcliffe and Austwick Schools.

After School hikes were organised for small groups of children to such places as the canal locks at Gargrave and the coal mines on Fountains Fell.

P.T.A. : The Parents Teachers Association has met three times during the last year. On the first occasion the parents organised and planned the autumn bazaar. On the second occasion they met to see films and meet the new headteacher. On the third occasion they met to have a beetle and whist drive in order to raise money for school funds.

The School Building : I was appalled to find on taking over as headteacher that children seemed to think that they could use the whole of the school building a playground. Consequently there were fingermarks all over the walls especially in the hall where the children had been used to playing hide-and-seek. A toilet seat had been smashed as a result of children climbing in and out of the toilet windows. Such activities have now ceased but unfortunately the evidence of these former activities in the form of filthy walls, etc., remain for all to see. The caretaker informs me that unfortunately the walls cannot be washed as non-washable paint has been used so consequently the marks remain proving a constant source of embarrassment to me when visitors come round to the school as well as generally making the building still seem unattractive despite the use of plants, flowers, children's art work and pictures to make it look attractive.

Curtains have now been hung in the hall and in the two new classrooms.

The School Ground : The P.T.A. paid for a foot scraper to be installed at the exit to the playing field in order to try and combat the amount of mud coming into the school building. The education authority have placed cement steps leading up to the field thus removing any need for children to climb up and consequently wear away the bank leading up to the playing field.

School Policy : My policy with regard to teaching in this school can be said to be based on the need to help and care for the needs and difficulties of each individual child. Each child is to be encouraged and helped to work at the pace he or she is capable of. It is our aim here besides teaching the traditional skills to help the children to express themselves and also to learn to take part in and be responsible members of society. The methods used by each teacher in carrying out this policy is a matter of individual choice for in my opinion a teacher will teach best using the method that she or he is happiest with. To me there seems to be no merit or demerit in the use of or non use of the so-called integrated day. In my opinion the individual needs of the children can be catered for just as well using the traditional method of having all the children working away at the same subject (though not, of course, doing identical work) as by having different groups working at different subjects at the same time. This is a matter of individual choice for the teacher involved.

Conclusion : I would like to thank the managers especially you sir the chairman, for all your help and encouragement especially during the difficult first few months of taking over here. Please accept my apologies for any typing and duplicating errors in this report.

R. H. Houston