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8th November, 1973.

R.H. Martin, Esq.,
C.E. (Controlled) Primary School,
HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE,
Nr. Settle.

Dear Mr. Martin,

Thank you for the copy of your report to the Managers.

I have read it with interest.

Yours sincerely,

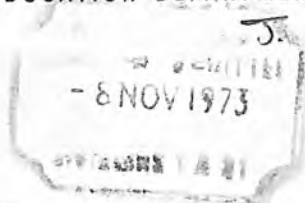


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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



J. M. Infants School -
Horton In Ribblesdale
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Dear Mr Riddings

Enclosed

is the Headmaster's report presented to
the Managers at a meeting held on the
31st October 1973.

Yours sincerely,

R A Manton

(Headteacher)

Headmaster's Report to the Managers of Horton-in-Ribblesdale Church of England School for the School Year 1972 to 1973.

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 : The school has been fortunate that during the year there have been no changes in the membership of the full-time teaching staff.

Mrs. E. Morphet has continued her excellent work among the lower juniors. She has had 27 children in her class which may not seem many compared with what many teachers have to cope with in town schools but it is a large number when it is remembered that that covers not only a wide age range but also a very wide range of ability. This means that the individual as opposed to the class method of teaching is essential. This is by no means easy with such a wide age and ability range.

I think it ought also to be recorded that Mrs Morphet has undertaken many duties and tasks and taken on responsibility for things when I am away which would normally fall to a deputy headteacher. I feel it is a great shame that those with the power to do so do not appoint deputy headteachers to schools such as this one so that this work can be officially recognised and financially rewarded. I would also like to add that Mrs Morphet has been of great help to the school in that she has been able to use her various contacts to obtain all sorts of things which come in useful in school - items such as paper cups, wood for woodwork, cotton reels for handwork, corks for science, etc.. Mrs. Morphet has also very generously given of her time and petrol to help transport our school football and rounders teams to other schools for inter-school matches.

Miss Hay has continued doing her first class work with our infants. Last year she had to cope with 10 new entrants in addition to 15 other infants of different ages and abilities, by no means an easy task. Miss Hay has spent many hours working in her class before and after school hours. Many nights she has not left for home till over an hour after the children have gone home at 3.30 p.m.

Mrs Clark, our part-time teacher, spent her time partly taking my class and partly taking remedial groups. I think it ought to be recorded that she spent many a half-hour with and spent much time at home preparing work for Denis May who although in his last year here was unable to read. We were all very sorry to have to say farewell to Mrs Clark at the end of the summer term when she had to resign as she was expecting a baby.

Mrs Armstrong has continued doing her invaluable work as our non-teaching assistant. Her hours were increased to 6 hours a week during the year. Much of the display work appreciated by visitors to the school had been mounted and put up by Mrs Armstrong.

Mrs Metcalfe has continued to do her work as secretary with the same degree of conscientiousness as shown before. As in the previous year her work has been made unnecessarily hard compared with secretaries of schools round about by the persistent failure of one or two parents to pay their dinner money at the correct time.

Mr S. Thistlethwaite resigned as cleaner-in-charge of the school so as to complete his last day on April 3rd. Mrs B. Martin acted as cleaner-in-charge for one week after which Mrs J. Lund took over the post. Since taking over Mrs Lund has done an excellent job in keeping the school clean. During the holidays all the walls were washed down and the school now looks as clean as it possibly can with the present paint on the walls. I hope that the authority will be able to see its way to putting proper washable paint on the corridor and toilet walls so that they can be washed properly.

School Building : As stated above the paint work still leaves much to be desired. Some officials from County Hall have been round to examine and measure up the walls but nothing more has been heard. The paint work in J2 Class is extremely bad on the walls which have the faces on the other side open to the rain and wind. In several places the paint has dropped away completely owing to damp coming through. The paint (and plaster as well?) is cracking and peeling badly in one section of J2 Classroom.

We have also had a lot of trouble with the water heater in J2 toilets. It has leaked so badly that it has had to be disconnected. At the time of writing we are waiting for a replacement valve from Santon and Co.

Mr E. Percy fixed the thermostat on the outside of the school so that the boiler will now switch itself on when not timed to only when it is a few degrees above freezing. Before it was switching itself on at all sorts of times when it was nowhere near freezing.

Connection with Church : For most of the year no minister has been in the school as previously to teach the older children owing to the vacancy in the parish since Mr Stringer left. Mr Bacon was able to come in for one or two days after his induction as Vicar of Horton. This was a most welcome renewal of contact with the church. During the vacancy School services in church were taken by the Rev. W. Ruck of Ingleton.

School Policy : For the last year, as before in my first year here, this has been based on the need to help and care for the needs and difficulties of each individual child. As before, outside visits in order to broaden the children's outlook and horizons have been arranged. Visits to Skipton Castle, Arcow Quarry, I.C.I. Quarry, Manchester Ship Canal and Belle Vue Zoo were arranged.

Group and individual work in class have continued to be encouraged. The staff here are more than ever convinced that this is the right way to go about teaching children in our circumstances rather than by using formal, blackboard and text book orientated methods.

Children : We started the year with 66 children on the roll and ended the year with 77 children on the roll. As from April this school became a Group 2 school. Problems of discipline continued to get less and less as the year went by as the children became better adjusted to each other and to accept the standards laid down by myself and the other members of the staff.

After school activities were arranged for both boys and girls. Both football and rounders matches were played against Austwick and Kirby Malham.

Conclusion : I would like to thank the managers and especially you sir, the chairman, for all the help and interest you have shown in the school and the children during the last year. Please accept my apologies for any typing errors that there may be in this report.

K. H. Martin

(headteacher)