

SCHOOL LOG BOOK

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SCHOOL Laddingford G/E Primary

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13th July. Y.5. were taken to Meocalls for a 'Taster Session.'

14th Mrs Such and the Juniors performed 'Starship Silver Grey' for the parents this evening. It was an excellent performance and well received. At the end Mrs Smith, Chairman of Governors, presented Mrs. Such with some flowers and a book token. Everyone is sorry that she is leaving us at the end of term.

16th Today Y.6 and Mrs. Ball are busy preparing a meal for all the staff. Mrs Lumley is coming to supervise the children at lunchtime, and is then spending the afternoon in the Infant Room, with Mrs. Fensom. Mr. John Atherton, Area Director is coming at 1pm to say goodbye to me, as my new school is in another area.

17th Sports Day was held this afternoon. It went well and was enjoyed by everyone. The Red team won.

21st We had the Leavers Service this morning at 9.15am. Father John took the address and

prayers. The end of term has come very quickly. When I first took this job one of my aims was to have a school where the children were happy and would look back on their time here with fond memories. Looking round today I think we are on the way. I am sorry to be leaving and will have fond memories of my first Headship.

Pamela Nash.

July 1992.

AUTUMN TERM 1992

- Sept. Mrs. Rosemary Alley took up her new post as Acting Headteacher. Others on the staff include: -
Mrs. Dera Benson, Infant Teacher
Mrs. Vanessa Dunnet, Part time Junior Teacher
Mrs. Barbara Campbell, Clerical Assistant
Mrs. Jean Lucknell, Cleaner in Charge and Classroom Assistant
Mrs. Margaret Mackay, Classroom Assistant
Mrs. E. McCluskey, Welfare Assistant.
- 4th Non-contact day preparing for the new term.
- 8th. Children in ✓ 45 on roll.
B.E.T. have taken over the catering contract, and our midday meal now comes from Staplehurst.
- 9th. Mrs. Alley out on a new Heads Induction Course all day at the Professional Development Centre, Maidstone.
James, Edward and Jack Lambert

left school today, and have transferred to Corbeath.
42 children now on roll.

10th Mrs. Mary Smith - Chairman of the Governors - and Rev. Babson visited Mrs. Alley to welcome her, and discuss school activities for the term, and expressed their dismay at the falling pupil numbers. Yalding Working Mens Club have agreed to give the school £300 - which must be spent on specific items. A lovely generous surprise. They raised the money at a 24 hour games sponsorship.

11th Mrs. Alley visited the Landlord at the Chequers, who has agreed to advertise school events in the pub.

16th Mrs. Alley attended the Special Needs Audit training course for

the afternoon at the Professional Development Centre.

17th. Mr. Mike Lewis, P.T.A. Chairman, visited Mrs. Alley to introduce himself, and is to purchase a new T.V. and video which will be fitted in the library area, with monies raised at previous events. Mrs. Draper is to move from her position as midday supervisor to dinner supervisor, beginning on Monday next, and Mrs. Parr has been appointed as midday supervisor. Mrs. Portnall visited Mrs. Alley. As a parent she is concerned about the state of the toilets. Mrs. Alley attended an induction course concerning Governors Meetings at the Professional Development Centre.

18th. Terry Andrews from the I.S. department at Astley House came to change the password

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on the office computer, promote the school roll and add the budget roll over.

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The playground was re-marked with a netball pitch, hopscotch, number square and jumping rings. A directional compass was also marked out.

21st.

Mrs. Draper began as a dinner supervisor.

Mrs. Parr began as a midday supervisor.

22nd

Mrs. Alley spent the day at the Professional Development Centre doing Local Management Training.

23rd.

Mrs. Alley spent all day at the Professional Development Centre doing 11+ transfer training.

24th

Mrs. Sunset all day 11+ transfer training at the Professional Development Centre.

Mrs. Treonar - a supply teacher - did supply cover in the junior class.

Mrs. Ferson did an afternoon's course on Investigative Maths at the Professional Development Centre. Mrs. Lunley - a supply teacher - did supply cover in the Infant Room.

Rev. Batson visited Mrs. Alley to finalize Harvest Festival arrangements.

Mrs. Alley met 2 governors - Mrs. Smith and Mr. McCluskey after school to discuss a variety of issues - money and falling school roll - were the most urgent!

25th

Mr. and Mrs. Turner and Lorna visited the school. Lorna is a new entrant to school next year. The school nurse visited to

do reviews and vision tests
in the infant rooms.

29th. Mr. Roy Slighton (the E.W.O) visited
the school concerning the non-
attendance of Vikki Lane, and
her possible transfer to Collier
Street School.

Mr. Lane visited Mrs. Alley Laker
and confirmed that Vikki will
transfer to Collier Street tomorrow.

30th Mr. McLuskey - a governor -
visited the school during the
afternoon and joined in the
activities in each class.

After school the staff prepared
produce and the church hall
for the Harvest service.

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The Harvest Service attracted
between 50 and 60 people -
the Hall was full. The children
gave a presentation about
Kent and Africa. Everyone joined

in two hymns and the vicar
said prayers. The produce was
then sold, and £82.73 was raised
to send to the Crisis in Africa
charity. A lot of good feeling,
and pleasing comments made for
a successful morning.

Dane Wallace, Head of Lower School
at Mascalls School, visited to
meet Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Surnet.
Mrs. Mallett began her recorder
groups at luncheon time today.

The photographer took individual
and group photographs during the
afternoon.

Terry Andrews gave Mrs. Alley
a lesson on the use of the
Electronic Mail.

2nd. Saw 2 prospective new parents
and their children - Mrs Osborne
and George; Mrs. Finn and Arnold.

1st. The F.H.S. Book Fair had to be

cancelled because of the wet weather.

Oct 5th. Mrs. Rucknell, Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. McCluskey spent the day at the Westland Support Team's office at the Professional Development Centre on a Special Needs training day.

6th. Paul Beevis from Land and Property Services at West Mallory did a building survey of the school, and I gave him a list of priorities for improvement. Mrs. Smith accompanied us on our tour! Lynn Thomas came to visit and give me support in my role. We discussed some short term ideas for the building.

Went to my first Primary Headteachers meeting at the Professional Development Centre. The proposed closure of the Mid-Kent Education Office was the main topic for

discussion.

8th. School was closed to the children today. Mrs. Durrett and Mrs. Fensom went to a Music Course at the Professional Development Centre - which fired them with enthusiasm.

Mrs. Lucknell, Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Alley spent the day in school moving resources, and spring cleaning the stock cupboard.

Mr. Jeff Nixon - the N.U.T. area rep. called to see the school and myself.

9th. Angela Nurse visited the school during the afternoon to observe Kevin Letchford - who is a Year 1 children with motor skill and behavioural problems.

14th. Mrs. Linsley taught the infant class for the morning, whilst Mrs. Fensom, Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Hughes (the I.S.S. team leader) began the process of filling in the Special Needs

Audit forms.

Mrs. Rowe - a School Governor - visited Mrs. Alley to ascertain how she was settling in, and talk through some issues.

15th. The Infant class took assembly. There then was Bears. They had done much good drawing, and used the computer to produce written work. Well done!

Mrs. Pam Thomas, Headteacher of Madginford Infant School, visited to help Mrs. Alley with some of the issues needing to be addressed concerning application for the substantive Headteacher post.

Mrs. Alley went to the Professional Development Centre on a Head teachers Induction Course concerning Admissions and Exclusions. Mrs.

Ferson went to the same building on a Maths Course.

19th. Mrs. Newton talked to the Infant

and Junior classes separately about Road Safety.

20th. Mrs. Aunil Farmer - primary teacher adviser - visited the school, and spent time in each classroom - looking primarily at Maths curriculum.

21st. The interviews for the Headteacher took place during the morning. There were two candidates - Mrs. Alley and Mr. . The candidates were required to each give a presentation entitled "Identify the Management Issues concerned with a Small School delivering the National Curriculum". They were then interviewed by Mrs. M. Smith - Chairman of Governors
Mr. D. McLuskey - Governor
Rev. J. Batson - Governor
Mrs. M. Ellis - Personnel Dept. Area Office
Mr. Lynn Thomas - Primary Area Adviser
Mr. - County Councillor

Dr. Greenwood - Deputy Diocesan
Director of Education.

The interviews ended at lunch
time and Mrs. Alley was the
successful candidate.

Mrs. Alley in consultation with
Mrs. Smith has made Mrs. Ferson
a permanent member of staff.

22nd. The Junior Class took assembly -
a play written by Jessica Ball
concerning school life, a rich and
a poor family in Victorian England.
It was excellent, and the children
wore appropriate costumes.

Jane Gibbons from the finance
department at Area Office came
to give advice on the budget
for next year, and to check the
money needed in a roll over. (We
need to roll over £11,500!)

During the lunch hour Mrs. Donnet
and Mrs. Alley met Mrs. Ball
and Mr. Willett in connection

with their choice of secondary school for their child.

Mr. Hunter - the railway safety officer - visited the school to show the Junior class a video concerning safety barriers at level crossings.

23rd. Mrs. Alley attended the Kent Small Schools Association Conference at Cornwallis School.

Mrs. Smith showed Mr. and Mrs. Revells and their children around the school. They hope to move into the area in December.

26th - 30th HALF TERM.

Nov. 4th Jeffy Clarke visited the school to get ideas for a new school sign. Mrs. Gill Smith - the playgroup leader - visited Mrs. Alley to discuss the transfer of children to school.

Parents Evening was from 5.30 - 9. The parents spent time looking at their child's work, and then had

a teacher interview. The feeling was positive, and staff were thanked for their honesty and care.

5th. Marion Hobbs - the Educational Psychologist - spent the morning observing and testing Kevin Letchford. Mr. and Mrs. Letchford, Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Hobbs and Mrs. Fenson met at the end of the morning for a discussion. Mrs. Hobbs is to recommend extra help for Kevin because of motor skill problems and behavioural problems. Mr. and Mrs. Letchford were very supportive of our efforts.

6th. Mrs. Loftus visited the school with Aligail - prospective new pupil next year.

11th. Rev. Batson visited to plan a forthcoming assembly with Mrs. Alley. Mrs. Hobson - a Mum and a parish councillor - visited to

offer parish council support and help in the execution of any future development plan.

Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Smith met to discuss the current budget situation in preparation for the forthcoming Governors meeting.

12th The Infant class took assembly - "The World would be a better place if..."

Mrs. Alley attended a Consortium Heads meeting at Wateringbury Primary School at 9a.m.

Mrs. Tenson attended a maths course at the Professional Development Centre after school.

13th Mrs. Alley was called away to Blackburn, as her mother is dying.

15th Mrs. Tenson and her husband attended a function at Yalding Working Mens Club, and received - officially - the P.E. equipment donated

as a result of a sponsorship night they held.

16th. Mrs. Alley will be absent for the week, as her mother has died.

18th Mrs. Tenson went to moderation of the Special Needs audit at the Professional Development Centre. Mrs. Lunley taught the Infant class.

19th. The Weekly Governors meeting was held in the junior classroom.

20th Mrs. Tenson attended an Information Technology Course at Sittingbourne all day. Mrs. Lunley taught the Infant class.

21st. Mrs. Pucknell attended hospital clinic in London.
Mrs. Alley spent the afternoon at the Professional Development Centre. The first meeting was a forum for

primary headteachers; the second concerned G.E.S.T. funding for 1992-93.

25th Mr. Bratley and Mr. Beardswell from the Buildings Department met with Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Alley. It was agreed that external guttering to the front of the building, and some pointing work would be done as soon as possible. Classroom sinks were requested, and the plans for the toilet block discussed again. Mrs. Ansil Farmer talked with Mrs. Dunnet and Mrs. Mackey about Shape and Space, and then took a lesson in the Church Hall. Mrs. Dunnet, Mrs. Fensom and Mrs. Alley went to the Book Room at West Mallory and spent £450 on books for the National Curriculum.

26th Rev. Perkins visited the school to discuss his role in the Carol

Service.

The Junior Class with Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Dunnet, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Mackay visited the Marlome Theatre in Carterbury to see a ballet production of "A Christmas Carol." The production was excellent - incorporating ballet, drama and singing, as well as skating music. The children were very well behaved - we received two very positive comments - and all enjoyed the experience.

27th. Mr. and Mrs. Perollo came to register their 3 children for the school - beginning in January 1993. The family move into the village in December - from Dartford.

28th. The F.H.S. organised the Christmas Fair in the Church and school. Over £700 was raised.

Dec. 2nd. Mrs. Alley attended a Primary and

Secondary Headteachers meeting at the Professional Development Centre all morning. The mood was of frustration and anger at the lack of consultation concerning the definite closure of the Mid Kent Area Education Office.

The Consortium Heads met for a working lunch at the Cock Inn, Boughton Monchelsea to discuss the programme for the development day in January, and the G.E.S.T. funding for 1993-94.

3rd. Rev. Batson and Mrs. Alley took assembly about a vicar's job, and the clothes he wears. No child wants to be a vicar!!

4th. Mr. Lynn Thomas spent the morning in school discussing the school's development plan with Mrs. Alley, and making plans for an evening to present the proposals to the Governors.

10th The Junior Class took assembly and shared their puppet theatres, puppets and plays with the rest of the school. They have learnt a lot - positive and negative - from this exercise. Working together across the age range is one of the positive things I see daily. Mr. and Mrs. Courtney - prospective new parents - visited the school for a chat and "guided tour."

11th. Interviewed and appointed Mrs. Audrey Baker to be the Welfare Assistant to work with Kevin Litchford every afternoon.

14th. The Infant class accompanied by Mrs. Fenson, Mrs. Puckrell, Mrs. McCluskey & Mrs. Anger ^{went to the pantomime in Maydstone,} accompanied the children. A good time was had by all!

15th. The Infant class performed a simple nativity with carols for their assembly. Parents and governors were invited. Mrs. Ferson wrote the play.
Well done! Well received.

16th. Mrs. Alley met with Mr. & Mrs. Satchford and Mrs. Hughes - the ISS team leader to talk about Kevin's support & how it will work.

At lunch time the whole school had a party lunch in the hall followed by games in classrooms. Mrs. Ferson was unwell, and went home at lunch time.

17th. The Junior Children presented a Victorian afternoon for the old people of Laddingford. They performed their Victorian play, sang some parlour songs accompanied by Mr. Wolf and then escorted their visitors to the classroom where

tea was laid out, which the children had prepared with the help of Mrs. Ball & Mrs. Mansden (parents). Whilst tea was in progress the children quizzed their visitors about their Christmas memories. The afternoon was a great success, much appreciated and the children were very well behaved.

18th. We presented 'Cards, Coffee & Mince Pies' for parents and friends. The Carols were accompanied by the band from Maidstone Boys Grammar School. The playschool sang two songs at the end. Coffee & Mince Pies were served to visitors afterwards. The pupils enjoyed chocolate biscuits and juice whilst looking at the instruments and talking to band members. School closed at 3p.m.

I've enjoyed my first term. Every

day has been a learning curve,
and I have a superb team
around me to support myself,
the school and, most importantly,
the children.

SPRING TERM 1993

Jan. 5th School was closed.

Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Ferson
attended a development day at
Staplehurst School for all teachers
and Heads in our Consortium
concerning Agreement Trialling -
a disappointing day.

6th School re-opened. Mrs. Baker joined the staff.
Lynn Thomas - our Adviser - spent
the afternoon talking through a
development plan presentation that
Mrs. Alley presented to the
Governors over tea and
mince pies at 3.30 p.m. The

Governors agreed to the spending of some money to improve the interior of the school. One new entrant in Reception class, one in Yr. 2, one in Yr.

7th. Terry Andrews - from the computer training department - spent the morning training Mrs. Alley in the basics of budget monitoring.

8th. Brian Scragg, from the Appraisal unit, spent some time talking with Mrs. Alley about her training for her own and another Heads appraisal, plus appraisal of the teaching staff. This will be an ongoing process, beginning with a residential course in September.

Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Lenson, Mrs. Hughes & Mrs. Baker discussed strategies for dealing with Kevin.

12th. Elzsha Willett and Jessica Ball sat the practice tests for the 11+.

13th. Children from Years 3 and 5 had Vision Tests.

The vicar came to discuss his term's assemblies with Mrs. Alley. Mrs. Dunnet attended an Information Technology course at the Professional Development Centre.

14th. The Junior Class gave their Victorian assembly to the parents (for the last time!)

Mrs. McCluskey attended a computer course at Sittipbourne.

Mrs. Dunnet went to Collier Street School to invigilate the English 11+ paper. Mrs. Johnson - the Headteacher at Collier Street - came to invigilate the 11+ English paper here.

15th. The 11+ Maths paper was taken today. Mrs. Dunnet and Mrs. Johnson invigilated again.

18th. Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Henson attended a SATS Key Stage 1 training day at the Professional Development Centre. Mrs. Lumley and Mrs. Dunnet taught.

19th. Sam Wozny has been granted extra help on a system called 2 plus 2. Mrs. Lumley and Mrs. Conroy - who will be his tutors - met with Mrs. Alley and Mr. and Mrs. Wozny to explain the programme. We had a fine practice. The building causes problems for hearing. Mrs. Alley has contacted the fire brigade for advice.

Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Smith and Mr. McIluskey (Chairman & Vice Chairman of Governors) attended a meeting at Astley House with Mr. Aberton where the organisation and timetable of our school review was discussed.

The F.L.S. held their A.G.M.

This was disappointing, and a

new committee was not formed.
Personnel seems to be the problem.
Mrs. Alley agreed to do a
couple of parent chats in school
time to explain about parental
involvement in activities for
social and fund raising events.

21st. The Form 7 had to be filled in.
This helps determine our budget
for the next financial year.
Mrs. Alley attended an Open Evening
at the Archbishops Palace in Maidstone -
ideas for work and visits were
passed on.

27th. Mr. Puddy, the Home Safety Officer
for Maidstone Borough Council,
spent the morning with the
Junior Class talking about Water
Safety.

Mrs. Alley and Rev. Batson spent
much of the day at I.C.I.
Yalding, where they were entertained

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By Mr. Derek Hyner, who showed us around the site and set up some displays for them to see. The welcome was excellent - as was lunch! - and good links were established for the future.

Mrs. Philpott (the school nurse) and Mr. Perolls (father of Cornel in Year R) came to the staff meeting. Cornel is diagnosed as having the Hepatitis B virus. Mr. Perolls talked at length about the condition, and Cornel's past (he is a Romanian orphan whom Mr. & Mrs. Perolls have adopted. A refreshing staff meeting! Not talking about curriculum, etc.!!)

28th. Mrs. Olley did two short meetings with parents concerning the F.H.S. They were well attended and parents are supportive.

29th. Tracy Radford, the Carewing Supervisor, came to look over the

area of proposed development for the
Kitchen, toilet block, cloakroom area.

3rd

1st Feb. The F.L.S. had another meeting to
elect a committee. There were
some disagreements and heated
discussions! Elections as follows: -

Chairman: - Mrs. Harper

V. Chairman: - Mrs. Osborne

Secretary: - Miss Wignone

Treasurer: - Mr. Moyce

P.R.: - Mrs. Prentice.

Others: - Mr. Conie

Mrs. McKelroy

Mrs. Rowley

Mrs. Alley

Mrs. Blackman

Mrs. Dextrall.

4th

2nd. Mrs. Alley attended a Head Teachers
Forum meeting at Loose Infant School.
At the evening Village Hall
Committee meeting, Mrs. Alley was
elected to the committee.

9th

3rd. Maggie Ellis - from the Personnel Department at Astley House - came to talk to Mrs. Alley about Appraisal of Non-Teaching Staff.

Mr. McElroy - a parent governor - spent the morning in school observing in the classrooms.

Lynn Thomas and Sheila Smith - our 2 review advisors - spent the afternoon talking to Governors and staff about the review process.

4th. Mrs. Campbell attended a computer training course.

Mrs. Alley met Janet Court - a councillor on the Education Committee - along with other small school heads to chew over some issues.

9th. Rev. Batson took assembly on the theme of Baptism.

Mrs. Alley appraised Mrs. Mackay.

The F.L.S. had their committee meeting in school during the afternoon. They are a lively bunch and eager to get things going for the sake of the community and the children.

10th. Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Tenson, Mrs. Hughes (from the I.S.S. team) met Mr. Sooker (mother of Scott Sadler) to discuss the possibility of Scott seeing the Educational Psychologist, as he appears to be having difficulties in some areas. Mr. Sooker agreed to this process taking place. Mrs. Alley appraised Mrs. Campbell. Allan Ball, the I.T. adviser, visited school to iron out problems with the classroom computers. Mrs. Alley attended the Primary Heads meeting at the Professional Development Centre.

11th. Carol Noakes - Sounds of Music - Spent the morning in school

showing and demonstrating a wide range of instruments. The children were enthralled and very responsive. She was very pleasant and responsive to the children. A good morning. Mrs. Alley approached Mrs. Rucknell and Mrs. McCluskey.

During half term (15th - 19th Feb) the new school sign was erected on the corner of the site. It looks very smart and is clear and eye-catching. Many thanks to ICI for their £250 donation. In addition sinks and water heaters were installed in the two classrooms. Life will be much easier in art lessons!

25th The Infants gave their assembly to school and parents. Their theme was 'caring'. They performed a puppet show - using glove puppets which they

had made, to illustrate the story of the Good Samaritan.

Pleasure to see so many parents supporting us.

Mrs. Luckall and Mrs. Ferson spent the afternoon at Madgenford Infant School seeing good infant practice, and concept keyboard use.

4th

2nd Hand. Ms. Kyrria Bacala visited today.

She is the Environmental Adviser. She spent the afternoon with Mrs. Alley looking at the internal and external environment of the school, and then gave the staff and Mrs. Alley time to chew over ideas and thoughts about changing the environment of school over a period of time to make it more pleasing, and have the children more involved in the school environment maintenance and upkeep. Many ideas to think over. Mr. Wilf Shilling, the County Councillor visited, and had a look around the school.

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4th The drains were blocked. The smell was awful. The water board had to come and pump them out!
Mrs. Sheila Smith and Mr. Lyn Thomas came to Review the school under the Small Schools Review procedure. They spent time with Mrs. Alley; looked at documentation and observed in the classrooms.

5th. Day two of the reviews. Much of the time was spent observing and talking to children. The lunchtime was spent by them talking to three of the Governors. The reviews ended at the end of the day. Mr. Thomas left us saying that this was a school "where people mattered".

8th Mrs. Newton gave the infant children a road safety talk.
Mr. Brian Shaw and Mr. Richard Aldous from the property and finance departments at the Area Office

visited to complete their part of the review procedure.

The Asthma Van visited school.

The children saw a video and were encouraged to talk about having asthma, and its effect.

The parents were also invited to come along. Regretably only three turned up.

9th Mrs. Marsden (a parent) took Sharon Revells, Lydia Burton, Louise McElroy and Katie Marsden to a recorder festival rehearsal at Hadgimford School.

Mrs. Alley attended a Child Protection Course at the Grange Moor Hotel in Maidstone.

10th Mr. Lyn Thomas reported back to Mrs. Alley and the Governors after collating the review material. The feeling was that there were many areas that need addressing, but that the environment is one

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where there is good team work and people matter. Mrs. Alley felt that she had been given a good idea of the way forward for the school.

Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Tenson attended an Impact Maths Course after school at the Professional Development Centre.

15th Mrs. Simmons the Dental Nurse gave every child a dental check up.

17th. Terry Mindum from the Road Safety and Cycling Dept. visited Mrs. Alley to give her an idea of the work that he and his dept. do in schools. Mrs. Marion Hobbs, the Educational Psychologist, visited the school to review a child and talk to the mother.

18th Mrs. Alley spent the day on a computer course at the Training

centre in Maidstone. It concerned Local Management Ordering and Payment, and familiarised Mrs. Alley with what have, in the past, seemed very complicated happenings on the office computer!

The Governors had their termly meeting at 4.15 p.m. in school. It was Mrs. Alley's first formal meeting with them.

19th Mrs. McCluskey and Mrs. Dunnet took the prize winners from the Yalding Foundation Competition to Wakerstones Bookshop in Maidstone to choose their prizes.

20th The F.L.S. held a jumble sale in the Church Hall.

22nd The school nurse for hearing - Mrs. Selnes tested the Year 3 children.

Four girls took part in the Maidstone Recorder Festival.

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23rd Mrs Edward Raikes and the Rev. Botson presented the Galding Foundation Prize winners with their books during Assembly, which was attended by the parents.

Mrs. Alley attended the Maidstone Recorder Festival in the evening. Our four pupils enjoyed the opportunity to play with many more musicians, and play a variety of music. It was an excellent evening - the musicians were well disciplined, well dressed and presented a very polished programme.

24th. Our teamly parents evening was from 5.30 - 9. Parents looked at work and then had a teacher interview.

25th. Mrs. Alley attended a further computer course at the training centre in Maidstone, concerning reconciliation and budgetting.

26th. The F.L.S. organised an evening disco for the children in the Church Hall. Mrs. Dunnet and Mrs. Alley attended. It was noisy, and the children consumed vast quantities of crisps and fizzy drink! A success and good fun.

30th. Mrs. Alley attended a meeting of all Headteachers and Mr. Roy Myke, Director of Education for Kent in the morning.
Mrs. Dunnet attended a Health Education course in the afternoon.

31st. Mr. and Mrs. Mulock visited the school. They are moving to Beltrig Lane from the Isle of Dogs, and hope to send their children here to school. (Heanda is 9 and Michael is 6)
The staff attended an 'on site' course run by the Red Cross entitled Save a Life. It was very informative, and relevant. We

all feel we could cope in an emergency until the professionals arrive.

1st Apr. Mrs. Alley attended a Consortium meeting with Roy Pyke at Staplehurst School in the morning.

Rev. Batson took assembly on the theme of Crosses.

In the afternoon we held an Easter Parade. The children (helped by parents in some cases) had made bonnets, baskets or gardens. The parents filled the church hall and the children paraded what they had made. Lots of fun, and lovely work. The children received an Easter Egg each; the parents enjoyed tea and biscuits.

2nd. The end of another term! How time flies!!

SUMMER TERM 1993

Apr. 19th. Term began. The staffing and pupil complement remains the same.

23rd. Mrs. Kerr - Head of Lower Year at Mascalls School - visited the school to talk with Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Dunnet and Gary Foxon, who will become one of her pupils in September.

26th. Kevin Litchford was seen by the Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist today. She is to give him some exercises to help his motor control.

28th. The staff meeting was held at Talding Ter, so that the staff could familiarise themselves with the Ter and meet the wardens prior to setting a date for a visit with the children.

29th All the junior children took part in the Consortium Netball and Football Tournament at Wateringbury School. The children were excellent "sports" despite not winning any games. They were not down hearted. Their behaviour was exemplary.

May 5th Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Lenson attended a further Inpast Maths course at Blacklands School, E. Mallory.

6th. Mrs. Sheila Smith visited the school in the afternoon to appraise the SATS process.

12th Mrs. Hughes, the Support Services Team Leader, spoke with Mrs. Burton and Mr. and Mrs. Perolle concerning work she is doing with Lydia and Sharon.

Mrs. Alley attended a Primary Headteachers meeting in Maidstone.

25th Mr. Hicknott came to draw up some

plans for the possible building of
internal toilets at the school.
At last!!

26th Mrs. Ferson and Mrs. Alley met
with the parents and children
who will begin school full time
in September, and have 2 half
days a week taster sessions after
half term. Expectations on both
sides were discussed.

The F.L.S. held a Quiz Night in
the Chequers Pub.

27th Mrs. Marion Hobbs, the Educational
Psychologist, spent the morning in
school observing children with
whom she has been involved for
a period of time.

Mrs. Alley attended a meeting
during the afternoon concerning
the change in teachers pay
scales.

28th We held a May Festival on the field. Mrs. Carol Noakes came to play her accordion. Louise Rowley and Billy Seale were the May King and May Queen. The Junior children danced around the maypole. The infant children were the Grand Old Dukes of York, and Rippon danced to the tune of I can sing a Rainbow. The girls wore dresses; the boys shirts and shorts. The Juniors read some of their English work and we sang some maytime songs. The rain stayed away - just! Parents, Governors and friends came to watch. It was a good event, full of childrens work. A happy afternoon.

June 10th Mrs. Olley and Mrs. Smith (Chairman of Governors) spent the afternoon at the Small Schools Association Conference in Oxford.

June 16th The Juniors accompanied by Mrs. Olley, Mrs. Donnet and Mrs. Mackay visited Galding Len. Class. The rain came down very heavily at 11.30. and we had to abandon the rest of the day there. The children had measured trees, collected insects, observed all kinds of wildlife. We hope it will be possible to complete the work at another time.

17th Stenton Junior class visited us for a games afternoon on the field. The rain stayed away - just!

18th Mrs. Raikes spent the morning in school doing her Governors visit. She focussed on Special Needs, and after time with Mrs. Olley spent time in the two classrooms.

23rd The whole school visited Hastings for the day. The infants visited

the Caves, the Liffboat Museum and went on the railway. The Juniors visited the town; the Boat Externans Museum and net huts; the Castle and walked the old town trail. The weather was good; the children extremely well behaved and the day a great success.

29th The Vicar took assembly on the theme of Holy days and Holidays.

30th Mr. Lunn from Oxford University Press came to the staff meeting, to show us new additions to the Oxford Reading Tree Scheme, and other new publications.

1st July Jessica Ball spent the morning at her new school - Tonbridge Girls Grammar, where she will transfer in September.
The Governors held their A.G.M. in the evening. Only five parents

attended.

2nd. Gary Foxon spent the morning having a 'kaster' session at Mascalls School in preparation for September.

5th. Mrs. Newton gave a road safety talk to the infant class. Yr. 5 and Yr. 6. children with bicycles spent the morning doing cycling proficiency training. Mr. Chris Roome, the Senior Advertiser visited the school at lunch time. 96

6th. Cycling Proficiency

7th. Cycling Proficiency. Elisha Willett spent the day at Henbridge Wells Grammar School - where she will transfer to in September. 100

8th. Cycling proficiency. The Concoction rounders matches took place on our field during

the afternoon. The weather was good, and the event went well. Parents served tea, juice and biscuits. Mrs. Smith presented the trophy to the winners - Boughton Monchelsea.

9th. The Infant Children visited Galding Fen. The weather was good for the morning. With the help of two wardens they looked at trees, walked the meadow, pond dipping and had a picnic. They drew and did worksheets. The juniors joined them in the afternoon and did some pond dipping - then the rain came - again! We are lucky to have this facility so near - and free!

10th. The FLS organised a Summer Fair on the field. There were side shows, Punch + Judy, teas, a tug of war, plenty of games, a hot air balloon, a

fine engine. An incredible £1400 was raised. Congratulations to Mrs. Harper, the FLS chairman and her team. £500 of this money will go towards new equipment for the very young children who will come into school in September. An amazing amount of money for a small school.

12th Andy Lycata from the Accounts department came to see Mrs. Alley & the Secretary, Mrs. Campbell, to help them put together a plan for the spending of £7,000 which has been given to each small school which was reviewed to help with management issues.

14th The Year 6 children visited Rochester Cathedral for the Schools Day - accompanied by Mrs. Dunnet, Mrs. McKay and Mrs. McElroy. They dressed as monks and experienced some of a monk's life

and then attended a service in the Cathedral.

16th Marion Hobbs, the Educational Psychologist and Mrs. Hughes, the Support Team Leader met with the staff for the triweekly review of all Special Needs children.

Medicals were held for two children.

19th The Book Fair began with the display of books to purchase in the library provided by Scholastic Publications.

Five Year 5 children visited Mascalls School for a 'Easter day'.

20th Mrs. Mather came to read a story to the children as part of Book Week. Mrs. Philpin, our Support Team Classroom Assistant read to the infants.

Books were sold to parents and

children after school.

21st. The Vicar read some of Winnie the Pooh to the ~~Junior~~ ^{Senior} Class. The school was open for the afternoon for parents and friends to see the children at work and their displays. The FLS sold strawberries and cream - scones!

22nd. Book Character Day. The children chose a book character and dressed up. We had a parade at 9 a.m. in the Hall, watched by parents and friends. There were some lovely ideas, and much hard work and thought had gone into the execution of them.

Diane Chilmaid from the library service spent the morning in school reading a range of stories and poems to all the children.

23rd. Sports Day. The weather was good and we spent the afternoon on

the field. Parents and friends supported their children, and the house of which they are a member. We had traditional races, and some where skills with balancing, balls, manoeuvring, skipping, hopping, jumping, forward rolls were required. The team won.

Mr. Melbustey, Vice Chairman of Governors presented the trophy to the House Captain.

27th. The last day of the school year. The 3 leavers in Year 6 - Elosha Willett, Gony Foxon and Jessica Ball took Assembly and gave us their memories and reflections on life at Loddington C.E. Primary School. They were presented with small tokens; and the parents were here too. Andrew Beal from the Borough Council brought his environmental lunch & Judy to entertain the children - an excellent production.

Lunch for the staff was cooked and prepared by the leavers. The staff ate with them in the Church hall. Excellent food!

A year ends. My first here. I feel that we all work as a team for the good of the children in all areas of their lives. I feel, too, that the children are happy and motivated, and beginning to develop more responsibility for themselves and better self esteem. I look forward to my next year. My thanks must go to all my staff, and the parents for support and good dialogue. Also to Mrs. Smith, Chairman of Governors, for her great support, and interest in all areas of the school's life.

AUTUMN TERM 1993

During the Summer holidays changes took place - physically!

The middle and end rooms became one and were decorated, the electrics were 'sorted out', a carpet was laid, a blind erected and new tables were purchased. A lovely transformation; a much more useable space.

A burglar alarm was installed.

The contractors have also begun work to the back of the school to integrate the toilets, cloakroom and servery into the building.

We will have to use the church toilets, and enter school through the front entrance. Dinners will be served from the library, and eaten in the Junior Room.

6th Sept. Mrs. Sheila Smith spent the day with the staff, working on a School Development Plan. Went

to the White Hart for lunch. Mary Smith joined the staff in the afternoon to work further on the School Development Plan. A good day. Lots of thoughts and ideas. A good way to move forward by prioritising.

7th. Planning day for the staff.

8th School opened at 9.55am with 51 pupils. Mr. Marsden works with Scott Slater for five hours per week.

10th. Mrs. Alley met with the site surveyors for the new extension at the rear of the school, to discuss progress and colour schemes, fixtures and fittings.

14th. Mrs. Alley attended a meeting regarding a management course she is to embark upon with Mrs. Ferson and Mr. Deas Smith.

16th. Mrs. Alley attended a Consortium meeting at Oak Trees school in Maidstone

20th Mrs. Alley attended a residential
21st. course at the Imperial Hotel in
Hythe concerning Appraisal. An
excellent course, good company, lovely
food. Hard work, too!

22nd Mrs. Alley attended a Special Needs
meeting at the Professional Development
Centre.

23rd Mr. Mark Sheridan, the new
Educational Psychologist, paid a
courtesy visit to school to meet
the staff.
Mrs. Smith and Mr. McKroy (Governors)
along with Mrs. Alley attended
a Local Management meeting.

24th Mrs. Alley attended an 11 plus
meeting in the morning, and the
first session of her management
course in the afternoon.
A week of meetings!

27th Mrs. Ferson attended a 2 day

Appraisal Course at the Imperial Hotel at Hythe. She found it hard work, but good company and food! Mrs. Dunnet attended a Logo Course at the Professional Development Centre.

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28th Mrs. Dunnet attended a Development of Number course at the Professional Development Centre.

30th Mr. Britten, ex Headteacher here, came to speak to Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Dunnet about K.M.P. mathematics scheme which we plan to re-introduce into the junior classroom.

7th

Oct. 14th Mrs. Alley attended an Assessment Course at the Professional Development Centre.

The new television and video were installed in the infant room - thanks to the F.L.S. for buying this. A security light was erected over the front entrance.

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6th. Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Fenson attended a session of the management course. Mrs. McKay attended a reading course. The F.L.S have given school £1,000 to purchase another computer for the Junior Classroom. School is very grateful for the support the F.L.S. constantly affords us.

7th. Harvest Festival. The children decorated the hall with art work of harvest prints from Ohio country, plus their donations of fruits and vegetables. They read some of their own prayers, poems and other written work, as well as performing other spoken words. The produce was sold and over £70 was raised to send to Jane and the Children. Once again, the parents supported us well.

13th. Mrs. Alley attended a Primary Head teachers meeting at the Professional Development Centre. Mrs. McKay attended

a reading course at the same venue.

14th. The infants took Assembly - watched by school and parents - on the theme of families. They spoke well, and performed much of their own work. Well done!
Mrs. Olley, Mrs. Lenson and Mrs. Dunnet spent the day filling in the Special Needs Audit forms.

15th. Mrs. Lenson and Mrs. Olley met with the new entrants and their parents who will come into school full time after Christmas, and two half days after half term. There are nine of them.
Mrs. Dunnet attended a KS2 planning day.

20th. The Stockwell Puppet Theatre visited school. They performed two story plays, and a musical play. They performed to their usual excellent

standard. The children enjoyed the plays, and have produced some pleasing follow up art work and thank you letters.

Mrs. Dunnet attended a Maths Course in Graysend.

Mrs. Fenson and Mrs. Alley attended another session of their management course after school.

21st. Rev. Batson took Assembly based on the theme of the Church's calendar and colours. He put on his vestments to help explain the symbolism.

The photographer came to take individual photos of the children, and family groups.

22nd. The Junior Class spent the day at Hever Castle, accompanied by Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Dunnet and Mrs. McKay. We shared the coach with Hutton School to cut the cost. The children were interested, did plenty of drawing and a

worksheets. We ate our packed lunches in an area of the restaurant put aside for us. The walk around the Castle was greatly enjoyed and provoked a lot of discussion and observation. The maze conquered one group and one group conquered the maze! The weather was fine but cold. A tremendous amount of interest from the children. Their follow up work is excellent, and a good display. Their excellent behaviour was commented upon twice.

The FLS held a Harvest Supper and dumb Auction in the evening attended by many families. £170 was raised to buy a new computer trolley for the junior room.

The new extension should have been completed today. There is still a long way to go. Staff,

children and parents and governors are annoyed at the delay, and the disruption to normal routine - although we cope and the children do not seem affected by the lack of playground space and immediate accessibility to toilets.

1st Nov. During half term a hole was knocked between the library and the junior room creating a larger working environment for the junior class. A door now opens into the "bottom of the stairs area". There is no door now from the lobby into the old library - just a wall!

3rd Nov. Mr. Wallace from Mascalls school visited to chat about possible prospective pupils for next year. Mrs. Baker has returned to school to work with Kevin. She has taken compassionate leave. Parents evening took place. Nearly all parents came to see their

children work and meet staff.

5th Nov. The children had a holiday whilst the staff worked with an ex-KCC adviser - Jan Worden - to start to put together a Recording and Assessment Policy. An excellent day. Jan was practical, aware of teachers time limitations and pressure, gave us plenty of good ideas upon which to work. Lunch at the pub!

8th Mrs. Newton talked to the infant class about road safety.

Mrs. Ferson spent the day on a Science Course.

The extension is still not finished!

9th. Mark Sheridan, the Educational Psychologist visited to review Harry and meet with Harry's parents and the staff involved with him. A very constructive and positive morning. Mr. Sheridan

is good to work with.

10th Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Lucknell attended an Early Years Reading and Writing Course at the Professional Development Centre.

11th. The Junior class took assembly based on the theme of Remembrance, as it is Remembrance Day. They produced some thought provoking work, and it was good to hear their views on war. The parents attended.

16th. Diane Rickard joined us at the Hot Swimming Baths to assess Kevin's performance in the water. No worries.

Swimming is an activity that we are fortunate to be able to enjoy.

Yrs 2-6 attend each week.

Almost all the children are very water confident.

Mrs. Alley completed the School

Development Plan for the next three years. It is displayed and each member of staff has had an input into its content. It is a clear idea of the way forward for us here.

17th. Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Dunnet and Mrs. Alley spent the day here with Mrs. Smith (our Adviser) planning Maths across the two Key Stages. Mrs. Purkiss and Mrs. Freeman taught the infant and junior classes. Hard work - planning - meant provoked discussion and re-thinking of strategies and planning, and methods of working.

18th. Mrs. Mather (Governor) met Mrs. Alley to draft the Health and Safety Policy. The Governors held their termly meeting. Concern was yet again expressed about the incomplete extension. The Governors are to write to the Area Director of Education

About the matter.

19th. Mrs. Dunnet attended an appraiser course at the Bridgewood Manor Hotel.

26th. Mrs. Doyle from Dr. Barnardo's took Assembly, and talked to the children about the work of Barnardo's and how they could help. (We have decided to raise money for this charity this Christmas) She then spoke to each class individually, and showed them a video about a disabled boy. She was very upbeat and positive, and the children warmed to her. They are to collect money - if they wish, by selling letters of the alphabet and doing a drawing appropriate to the letter.

30th Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Mander attended an appraiser training course. The extension is still incomplete!

~~4th Dec.~~ Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Fensom and Mrs. Smith spent the day at the Professional Development Centre on the final part of the management course. We put together an aim for the school, which now needs sharing with staff, governors, parents and pupils.

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7th. Mrs. Alley attended a Special Needs meeting with Primary Needs and the Special Needs Manager.

9th The extension is still incomplete. The Educational Psychologist, the Support Team Leader, Mrs. Alley and staff met to review the Special needs children and their progress.

11th

10th. The mobile was due to be craned away, we waited all day to no avail.

11th. F.L.S. Christmas Fair. Tea, Cakes, raffle, tombola, games, Father Christmas - £770 was raised -

15th

AMAZING! WONDERFUL! Many congratulations to Mrs. Harper and her team.

13th. Despite a few incomplete jobs the new extension was handed over today, with the promise of the jobs being completed by Friday. The mobile was chased away at 9 a.m. this morning. There's so much more space on the playground, and it's much lighter.

14th. The Infant Nativity Assembly attended by pupils and parents. Written and performed entirely by them, it was delightful, crossing many curriculum areas - music, speaking, listening, drama. It was simple, but told the story. The message was there. Christmas through the eyes of young children is special. It is a privilege to be with them.

15th. The Infant class spent the morning

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at the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone
watching a performance of Aladdin.
They enjoyed themselves very much,
and were accompanied by all the
staff attached to their class, Mrs.
Henson, Mrs Lucknell, Mrs. McCluskey,
Mrs. Marsden and Mrs. Baker.

16th. The Junior Class performed their
Tudor Entertainment to parents this
morning, and the elderly residents of
the village this afternoon. (The infants
also performed their nativity play
for the elderly people) The work
was the culmination of a term's
project work. Groups of the juniors
had made all the food - Derry VIII
sandwiches, Bolagn Buns, Tudor Cookies,
Elizabethan Sponge and Royal Tea or
Catherine Parr Tea!! All the
children's efforts were well
received, and justifiably so. During
the day the children also made
Christingles in readiness for our
service tomorrow.

17th. The Official Opening of our new extension - entrance, servery, cloakroom and toilets.

9.15a.m. Maidstone Boys Grammar School Brass Group arrived and played music on the playground.

9.30a.m. The children, parents, staff and visitors assembled on the playground, and were welcomed by the Headteacher, Mrs. Alley.

Mrs. Smith, Chairman of Governors, made a brief speech thanking the L.E.A. for funding the extension and recognising the need for education to continue in the small rural community here in Laddingford.

After a fanfare and 3 cheers for the school, Hannah Dastrell cut the red and green ribbon across the extension opening assisted by her Mum (Mrs. Deida Dastrell) and Grandma (Mrs. W. Newman) - past pupils at the school. The children filed into school, and began to use the

new facilities. The parents and friends moved to the Village Hall, where they were entertained by the Brass Group; The children worked in the classrooms; the visitors 'toured' the extension and spoke with the children before moving into the Hall.

10a.m. A Christingle Service took place, which was short, an opportunity for everyone to join in traditional carols and lead by the children, who explained the symbolism of the christingle and took the prayers.

The Service over, thanks were afforded to Hannah, Mum and Grandma; the Brass Group; Mr. Woolf (our pianist) and Mrs. Smith who works quietly, effectively and supportively for the school.

The children adjourned to the school for juice and biscuits. The parents, visitors and friends stayed to enjoy coffee and

mince pies.

It was a lovely occasion with much support. Comments and letters of thanks were all very complimentary.

The staff worked very hard and tirelessly to make the day a success, and they had the opportunity to put on their best clothes!!

20th. Party day!

The children spent the morning making and designing place mats.

The Hall was set out with tables groaning with sandwiches, sausage rolls, chocolate biscuits, cakes, crisps, crackers and drink.

The children ate plenty and were well behaved. They spent the afternoon playing games and generally enjoying themselves.

21st. The end of a long, exhausting term, which gave us plenty of

headaches at times(!) but the end results in terms of work, concerts and buildings was very encouraging and exciting, and showed a great amount of hard work, planning and care on the part of the staff and the pupils.

SPRING TERM 1994

5th Jan The team began for the staff with a development day on the subject of Science - an area in which all of us do not feel very confident. Peter Hooker, the Science advisor spent time with us discussing provision, ideas and policy writing.

6th The children returned.

7th Diane Rickard, the physiotherapist spent the morning in school working with two children

from the junior department.

10th Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Dunnet visited the Learning Resources Centre at West Malling to choose books.

The Friends had a meeting during the afternoon. They have, yet again, given money to school - £500 for the Infant class, £300 to the juniors.

11th The practice 11 plus test took place in Mrs. Olley's office. Swimming re-commenced.

12th The Education Welfare officer in charge of Traveller children visited the school to discuss provision for one of our pupils.

13th The comprehension part of the 11 plus test took place this morning. Mrs. Hanson attended an I.T. course at EIS in Maidstone.

Mrs. Sheila Smith, our School Advisor, spent the afternoon in school.

Mrs. Alley attended a Budget meeting at the Southboro' Centre in the evening, in order to ascertain how much money there may be in the school budget for the next financial year.

14th. The Maths part of the 11 plus test took place.

17th An ex-student, Robert Arger, who is currently a sixth form student at M.G.S. started a week's work experience in the junior classroom.

18th Mrs. Rowe, one of our Governors, spent the afternoon observing the Infant class at work.

19th The School Liaison Police Officer,

P.C. Paul Dickens, spent the morning in school talking to each class in turn. The infants particularly enjoyed wearing a variety of police hats!

Mrs. Alley spent the afternoon with F.L.S. members spring cleaning the outside stone.

There was a fire drill practice. Form 7 was completed and sent to the LEA and DFE

10th Mrs. Rowe spent the afternoon observing the junior class.

Mrs. Alley attended a Consortium meeting at Wateringbury School

21st. There was a building meeting regarding the new extension and any problems still to be solved before hand over.

Margaret Cook, H.T. of Chiddington Primary School, and Mrs. Alley's appraisal partner

Spent the afternoon in school.

24th Robert Anger moved to spend this week in the Infant classroom.

Mikki Younissi who works with traveller children visited Mrs. Alley to talk about traveller culture and integration. The A.G.M. of the F.L.S. took place at 8 p.m. in the Church Hall. Only the committee and two other parents attended!

25th Diane Rickard visited school to discuss physiotherapy provision for two pupils with their parents.

26th Mrs. Dunnet attended a Data Handling course at Southboro Centre.

Mrs. Lloyd from the Parish Council visited Mrs. Alley to discuss the railings around the school, and

possible assistance with funding.
The entrance hall had its correct
carpet laid!!

28th Maggie Ellis from the Personnel
Team visited school to discuss
the appraisal procedure for all
staff.

Rev. Eaton spent the afternoon in
school to discuss the tennis
activities and the assemblies
planned for the term.

Mrs. Campbell attended a
Communications course.

31st. Mrs. Tenson attended a course
about the administration of
SATs for 7 yr. olds.

Mrs. Alley attended a Special
Needs course.

Feb 1st Mrs. Smith attended assembly
and then spent the morning
discussing a range of school
issues with Mrs. Alley. She is

an excellent Chairman of Governors who has the interests of each child of Laddingford C.E. Primary School at heart, and understands the school as a vital and necessary part of the community. Three classroom assistants attended a course at Southboro' Centre.

Mrs. Alley attended a Primary Headteachers meeting.

2nd. Mark Sheridan, the Educational Psychologist, spent the afternoon assessing a child.

Diane Rickard, the physiotherapist, worked with her two charges.

Mrs. Alley appraised Mrs. Campbell.

3rd Mrs. Raikes, a Governor, attended assembly and then spent the morning in the classrooms before meeting with Mrs. Alley. Mrs. Raikes is the Governor in

7th

change of Special Needs. She is abreast of the current climate and issues, and is aware of all the children on the Special Needs register.

Mr. Conerney brought birds of prey for the children to experience. The birds flew in the Hall, and there were a lot of very amazed and impressed children. A very good learning experience.

7th Mrs. Alley appraised Mrs. Marsden, Mrs. McCluskey and Mrs. Baker - all very valuable and hardworking team members, who have the hard task of working with individual children with very specific problems - a great deal of patience is needed, and the work can be very repetitive. They have my greatest admiration.

Nikki Youniss and Ann Smith visited Mrs. Alley to further

discuss provision for a child (traveller) who has entered school a year late. 26th

Mrs. Alley attended a course regarding the National Curriculum and the implications of the Dearing Review. At last there is less to teach, and more realism about what is possible in the time allocated to each subject. 21st
23rd

8th Mrs. Alley worked on the 11 plus panel - assessing children's work - those who had fallen into the borderline category.

9th Mrs. Alley - panel again. 25th

10th Mrs. Alley - panel.

11th Mrs. Alley - panel.
Mrs. Tinson attended and R.K. course at Aylesford Priory.

weller) Feb 16th - 18th HALF TERM.

The path to the front of the school was relaid, and rebricked - a great improvement.

21st. Mrs. Mather, a Governor, visited the school and spent time discussing the Health and Safety Policy with Mrs. Alley.

23rd The junior class enjoyed an afternoon of football and netball with Collier Street Juniors at Collier Street. It is good to have these curriculum opportunities, and to extend the children's experiences beyond the immediate environment.

25th Ivor Rushforth, the Art Advisor, attended school to find evidence for a county survey. He discussed resources, accommodation and the curriculum. He was concerned about the lack of space and the limited resources we appear

to have, and talked of ways of broadening curriculum provision. I can't change the accommodation, but can work towards achievement of better resources, and breadth. A useful afternoon, but I do wish curriculum advisors would realise that their subject is one of ten - and maths and english have to be our primary target areas.

The Village Hall A.G.M. took place in the evening. It was very poorly attended.

March
3rd.

Rev. Batson took assembly on the theme of Fasting. Ms. Rose Collinson, from the assessment team, spent the morning with Mrs. Dunnet and Mrs. Tenson discussing agreement trialling for assessment of children's work and the work of a portfolio.

A parent of a Year 6 child visited to discuss the child's placement when she moves to Mascalls School in September.

4th The Galding Foundation Competition took place this morning. All the five girls competitors presented their talks, poems and bible reading with confidence and maturity, and were praised by the assessors accordingly.

5th F.L.S. held a Jubilee Sale.

9th The recorder players attended a rehearsal at Linsford School. Avril Farrer talked to the staff about Impact Maths - parents attended also, and everyone had a go at some of the activities, which the children will do every fortnight, Dave Wallard, Head of Lower School at Mascalls, visited

to discuss and meet with the children that will transfer in September.

11th. The Juniors spent the afternoon at a football and netball session at Horson school.

Sadly, some of the staff attended the funeral of Mrs. Newman, who died a few days ago, and only at Christmas helped her daughter and grand daughter open the new extension. A great loss to the community.

14th Mrs. Newton, the Road Safety Officer spoke to the children, and showed them a video about cycling and safety.

17th The junior class took the Assembly on the theme of Mothers. Their confidence and ability to stand in front of a group and deliver information is a developing strength

of Laddingford school children. Well done.

The Governors held their termly meeting at 4.15.

18th Dr. Gannopilla visited the school to assess two pupils who are special needs, and have some degree of physical problem.

21st Mrs. Alley attended the Primary Headteachers Conference at the Great Dares Hotel. Good to listen to speakers from beyond the immediate school environment, and a chance to meet with other headteacher colleagues.

22nd The recorder players attended the Maidstone Recorder Festival at Oakwood Park. A great evening and very much enjoyed by participants and audience. It's good for the children to have the opportunity to work with a

larger group, and other professionals.

They represented the school well.

Mr. Chris Hughes, the Education Officer from the BBC visited the school at my request as my staff and I are slightly worried about the level of spoken English in the new Look and Read programme - *Kantha Warp*. A good morning, and he spent time with the children, ascertaining their views.
Repeat Recorder Festival.

24th

25th

23rd. Mrs. Philpott, the School Nurse, spent the day conducting medicals on the September entrants.

29th

Mrs. Marina Burrough and her friends Anna and Odysseus spent the afternoon in school talking to the junior class about Greece and the Greeks.

Odysseus and Marina have Greek origins. Anna is married to Odysseus. The children heard stories, learned about customs

30th

danced and ate Greek food - all of which extended their knowledge & complemented their work on the Greeks.

It was a great afternoon, and greatly enjoyed by school and visitors.

24th. The Infant class took the Assembly.

25th. The F.L.S. ran a Disco for all the children in the evening. Very noisy, but well attended and well behaved.

29th. Mrs. Todd has been appointed to work with Harry Maynard, who has special needs problems of a specific nature. She replaces Mrs. McCluskey who is leaving.

30th. The In School Review was held. Discussion of all the pupils with special needs took place, and provision was reviewed.

3/25 The Vicar attended Assembly, where the theme was Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

He then presented books to the pupils who took part in the Yalding Foundation Competition.

At 2pm. the Easter Parade took place - a great array of bonnets, cases, baskets and gardens were on display.

School closed at 3pm.

A very busy, and productive term.

SUMMER TERM 1994

April 10th An I.T. Development Day for all staff with personnel from the advisory staff.

Sadly, the pace is too fast for some of us to grasp the knowledge, and there is an assumption that we are all quick learners!

19th The children returned.

27th Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Rucknell attended an Art Course.

The Fireless visited the school, parked outside and the pupils were able to all have time investigating the interactive displays, and talk to the firemen.

28th John Fowler, from the Commonwealth Institute, talked to the junior class about Zambia. He brought materials, artefacts and slides and talked about his time in that country. A great morning to complement work in Geography. It's good to have someone with experience & knowledge sharing with the children.

Barry Clarke, Chairman of the Education Committee, visited the school, as he had been unable to attend the Christmas official opening.

19th Mark Sheridan, the Educational Psychologist, visited school to assess one child who gives us all cause for concern, and then speak with Mum.

Glynis Runley, the Modern Languages Advisor, visited Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Duvet to discuss the commencement of French and the Pilote programme with junior children.

6th

4th Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Rucknell - art course.

Margaret Cook (Headteacher, Chiddingstone), Mrs. Smith (Advisor) and Mrs. Alley met to agree appraisal targets for Mrs. Alley.

13th

5th The Speech Therapist visited school to talk with Mrs. Baker, classroom assistant, regarding support for a child.

The girls from the Junior class attended the netball tournament

18th

at Watlingtonbury. Despite not winning many matches they enjoyed their afternoon, and the chance to play other schools.

6th Rev. Batson came for his termly chat regarding the school, assemblies and the village.
Mary Smith (C. of Gov) and Mrs. Alley attending a meeting with Roy Pyke and LEA officers regarding the future of small schools. Much ground was covered and there was a positive message.

13th The boys from the Junior Department attended the football tournament at Watlingtonbury. Again, despite not winning many matches they enjoyed their afternoon, and the chance to have a few games.

18th Mrs. Alley attended a Primary Heads meeting at Southborough.

23rd All the children had their teeth checked by the school dentist. There seem to be a lot of fillings needed. Is it the diet?

25th Next academic year, because of numbers we will employ a part time member of staff for the junior department (lower) Mrs. Marsh visited the school today - an interested candidate.

27th Mrs. Fensome and Mrs. Alley met with the parents of the three children who will start school in September. They are all boys - James Cowie, Boris Kerr, Jess Ketterer.

30th - 3rd Half term.

June 8th Two representatives from Royal Mail attended school to talk to the children about letter writing + sending of mail. They brought

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displays and videos. It is good to have these sources of expertise to access & broaden the children's experiences.

9th A rounders afternoon at Laddingford with Hunton school. 3 games going - a good time was enjoyed by all.

13th - Cycling Proficiency Training in the village for Yr 6 pupils with bikes.

15th Margaret Cooke (Chiddinstone H.T.) interviewed personnel at school in relation to Mr. Alley's appraisal.

15 - 16th The infant class visited the Post Office in Maidstone, and saw much of what they had heard about last week. A great adventure.

20th The whole school was photographed as a group.

21st The ambulance visited school to further complement the infant work

about people who help us.

22nd. The new extension is finally finished and approved and has been officially handed over! Yr 6 attended the Safety in Action competition.

23rd. Mrs. Chilcott, the School Nurse, talked to the infants about her job for people who help us. Family Govs. meeting after school.

24th Each child took home their annual report today.

29th Parents evening for parents to discuss children's reports and any other issues. Almost 100% attendance.

1st July Yr 6 attending Marcella School in September spent the morning there getting acquainted with people and routines.

6th The Infant children enjoyed a super day at Howletts Zoo.

The annual Rounders Tournament took place on the School field. It was a good time with exemplary play and good sportsmanship.

7th Mrs. Dunnet attended a History Course. AGM. of the G.O.V.S.

8th Mrs. Dunnet attended a French Course.

The Safety in Action competitors and Mrs. Alley attended the Preservation Evening at Police H.Q. in Maidstone.

We did not win, but enjoyed both the competition and the evening. Roy Puddy has done a great job organising and cajoling people.

9th The FLS Summer Fayre was a great success and enjoyed by all the village. It raised about £1200.

15th Sports Day was well supported and the children were very well behaved. Everyone participated and succeeded.

20th The school was open for the afternoon for all visitors to see us at work. Strawberries and cream were served by the FLS. A poor attendance - maybe we need to rethink this idea.

26th Leavers Assembly took place at 9a.m. All pupils leaving expressed their feelings about time at the school, and the six of them will move to secondary schools in September having been exposed to good and varied experiences at Radringford C.K.P. School. We will review and reflect upon what we provide and how we manage our school, and build on our experiences and gained knowledge to provide for the September entrants, and the rest of the school population. A busy, hardworking, rewarding year.

AUTUMN TERM 1994

Carpets were cleared and the school was spring cleaned in readiness for the new academic year. Thank you Mrs. Rucknell for all your hard work.

The staff enjoyed (!?) two days of development before school opened to the children on SEPT. 7th.
Mrs. Dods and Mrs. Marsh both joined the staff.

9th. Sam Wozy returned to school for assembly, as he has won a painting competition run by Ricara the sweatshirt company, and his painting will appear on next years calendar. He won money for the school, which he has chosen to spend on football kit.

14th The H.T. of Stoke Primary School visited to get ideas for organisation and staff management.

15th. The pupils enjoyed a visit from Stockwell Puppet Theatre.

16th. Mrs. Donnet is involved in a County Writing Project, and spent the afternoon training in order to make decisions regarding both hers and the school's contribution in work teams. It will probably be invitations, and a village brochure.

Oct 6th Harvest Festival. This was very well attended, and there was a great amount of fresh and tinned food to sell.

7th. Mrs. Alley met with L.E.A. reps to discuss the possibility of changing the main entrance to the school, and having a new staffroom area and entrance to replace the existing one. This could be a long saga, I think! Mrs. Alley attended a visit from

the Archbishop of Canterbury to St. George's School, Gravesend.

13th Mrs. Fensom attended a course about Roamers and Turtles.

17th Each child was photographed individually.
The school became a mini restaurant in the afternoon when 2 chefs from a Tonbridge Wells restaurant spent the afternoon preparing food with the junior children. The best bit was the Vapouring, which was shared by the infants.

24th - 28th Half term.

Nov 2nd Parents Evening was well attended and there were some very good comments received about the school and where it is going.

7nd. We had a wedding in assembly!
The infants talked about celebrations.

love and held a mock wedding. It was great fun, and caused much amusement.

Mrs. Alley attended Chiddingstone to appraise Mrs. Cooke.

4th Mrs. Dunnet visited the B.V. Museum 17th
in London in order to gain information for her work with the junior class on Communication.

7th We have an Air Raid Shelter 23rd
in school! (Courtesy of Learning Resources) And to complement the junior History work - Britain since 1930.

All children have time in it reading an evancess play script in groups. A great way to learn.

9th The infant class visited the Kingshill 24th
site where new houses are being built on the old air field.

10th The junior class visited Buckley's

Museum in Sussex do further learning for their History project. They were very knowledgeable and chatty on their return.

Headly Governors meeting at 4.15.

17th Junior Assembly - showing what they can do - a great range of things to share from reading to spelling to ball skills. A very positive time.

23rd Janet Kawalska from East Kent spent the day inspecting the school. It was rigorous but very fair, and the whole staff feel that she was honest in her assessment, and grateful for her pointers towards further development.

24th Carole Noakes, the musician with every possible instrument visited the school for the morning. A great deal of enjoyment and learning.

- 25th Mrs. Dunnet attended a Maths Course.
- 26th The F.L.S. held their Christmas Fayre and raised about £400. 15c
- 30th Ms. Walker from Learning Resources visited to ascertain how we use the resources we borrow.
- Dec. 1st The In School Review discussed all the special needs provision and reviewed support.
Mrs. Rowe, Governor, spent the afternoon in school.
- 2nd. Mr. Bartrop from B.T. brought a vast range of telephones to school to show the juniors the development of communications technology. 16c
- 8th The infant children attended the Hazlitt Theatre to see the pantomime.
Mr. Byron and Matthew visited -

Matthew will start school after Christmas in the junior class.

15th The Annual Entertainment and Tea. The junior Entertainment is about Kwanzaa and was written by the Jr 6 pupils. All the Juniors participated. It was very moving. Mrs. Nash had taught World War 2 songs to them and Mr. Wolfe played. The older residents were delighted, and there were many tears. A wintertime tea party followed and the compliments flowed. A great day.

16th The infant children performed their nativity written by Mrs. Ferson and themselves. Excellent standard. I am very proud of both staff and pupils. Expectations are high, and there's a sense of learning and achievement through a variety of strategies.

19th Party lunch for everyone in the Hall followed by classroom games.

21st Carol Service and Christmas Around the World. We welcomed Ed Osborn (Mr. America) to school. He is a friend of Sheila Smith's and hails from Denver. He was a hit with the children talking about the Christmas lights and American customs. Six pupils researched and delivered their findings about other customs around the world, and we sang familiar carols with parents and friends.

SPRING TERM 1995

4th Jan. The staff worked on their own I.T. Development Day - at their own speed and their own level.

5th The children returned.

9th Practice 11 plus tests.

11th. 11 plus test for ~~three~~ pupils.
Mrs. Mackay attended a first aid course.

12th Mrs. Barber and Sarah and Dan visited school. They hope to start school when they move to Luddingford.
Mrs. Mackay - first aid course.

18th Mrs. Mackay - first aid course.
Form 7 was completed and sent to the LEA and DFE. It will determine our budget in April.

19th Mrs. Mackay - first aid course.
Sue Airey, an Advisor from East Kent with a Special Needs brief, spent the day in school working with Mrs. Alley, staff and the Special Needs Governor developing a School Special Needs Policy. A very positive day. Lots of hard work done!

20th Because of severe rainfall and subsequent flooding Mrs. Olley and other staff were not able to get to school. Some pupils were in a similar situation. School was therefore closed for the day.

24th Mark Sheridan, Educational Psychologist, visited the school to assess a child.
Mrs. Dunnet attended a french course.

25th Mrs. Olley attended a management course.
Mrs. Dunnet attended her writing project.

27th. A celebration day! Mr. Wolfe has been married to Mrs. Wolfe for 50 years today, and he came to play as usual.
As he arrived Mrs. Campbell left to collect Mrs. Wolfe and bring her to school. She arrived as the M.G.S. Brass Group arrived

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also, and in the middle of a whole school hymn practice we surprised Mr. Wolfe. The group played, we presented a cake to them, and had a very happy and memorable time.

The staff provided lunch, which was taken by staff and some Governors with Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe in the Hall.

A memorable day in the life of Laddingford C.E.P. School.

1st Sarah Barber began school - Infant class. Mrs. Mather, Governor, visited school to experience Circle Time.

3rd. Mrs. Dunnet and Mrs. Marsh attended training for administering Key Stage 2 SATS in May.

7th - Mrs. Alley attended the 11 plus 10th borderstone panel days.

15th Mrs. Alley appraised her non teaching staff individually.

10th

16 20th - 24th Half term.

27th Mr. McKroy, Governor visited the school

17th

March
2nd Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Pucknell attended a computer course.

22nd

3rd Mrs. Dunnet attended her Whitby Project.

23rd

8th The Yalding Foundation Competition took place. Yet again the standard of presentation was high and the school was praised for the confidence and affability of the pupils.

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Dr. Greenwood, the Diocesan Director of Education, visited the school.

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10th Mr. Hunter, from British Rail, visited the school to talk to the children about rail safety, and show a video.

April

10th Mr. Crompton from the Parochial Church Council visited to discuss the new entrance to school, and school and church working in partnership. I have no problem with that.

17th Mrs. Jensen attended an assessment course.

22nd Mrs. Alley began appraisal of Mrs. Jensen

23rd. Most of the staff attended the Folens Book Evening.

27th + 28th The Recorder Festival was held at Sutton Valence School each evening. Again a good experience and greatly enjoyed.

30th The AGM of the Governing Body - a few more attended.

April 7th The Easter Parade was held in the morning. Attendance was improved and it was good fun, and innovative.

SUMMER TERM 1995

April
24th

A great development day with the learning resources staff assessing our library resources, and learning how to categorise them.

27th

Mrs. Mary Smith and Mrs. Alley took 7 children to Yalding Organic Garden for a publicity photocall. A great place, and one I hope we can develop permanent links with.

May
3rd

School was presented with a KWIK cricket set by David Sear, and we received newspaper publicity.

4th

The football and netball tournament was held at Waveringbury School. Again we did not win, but had a good time, with good support.

5th

The Astrodone visited school to complement Planets work. A great event. We all crawled through the

Travel into the dome which had the presentation projected onto the inside dome. Wonderful learning experience.

11th Pre vicar joined assembly and then spent time as a Governor in school looking at maths.

15th - 19th Key Stage 2 SATS - no problems and the children coped well with this new aspect to their lives.

19th Yrs 3, 4 + 5 visited Learning Resources to hear storytellers. A good time, with good stories and storytellers. Mrs. Alley attended Festival Fuensong for Headteachers and Governors at Rochester Cathedral. Very calming at the end of a week.

21st Mrs. Tenson and Mrs. Alley met with some of the parents of the new intake children in September.

25th Mrs. Tenson, Mrs. Dunnet and Mrs.

Alley reviewed and revised curriculum planning in readiness for September.

29th - fine 2nd Half term.

6th Mrs. Boxall, in her role as Churchwarden took assembly and explained her job to the children.

21st Mrs. Alley began appraisal of Mrs. Dunnet.

22nd The Yr 7 teacher from Tonbridge Grammar School visited Katie Marden who will attend there as from September.

Mrs. Alley attended the Small Schools Conference.

23rd The children took home their annual reports.

26th Book week began. Each day there is reading time for everyone. Today Mrs. Robson spent time showing

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illustrations she has done for books.

28th Stephen Sage, librarian, visited and shared Index Jones with the juniors. Parents Evening was well attended, and comments were in the main favourable and appreciative. Books are on sale daily, and were sold tonight also.

29th Vicar attended assembly. The infants enjoyed a poetry workshop with Stephen Sage. The annual rounders tournament took place in glorious sunshine.

30th All the children came to school dressed as characters from books. A great enjoyable week, raising the profile of books and reading.

July 5th The Yr 6 pupils attended the Church School's Festival at Rochester Cathedral. They sang, sketched, were monks and attended a service. Great resource.

8th The FHS Summer Fayre - £1300 raised.

16th Another successful sports day, and the rain stayed away!

21st Leavers Assembly at 9, with five girls who are moving to a variety of schools. They provided the staff with a wonderful lunch.

Another busy year, with a variety of activities to enhance the learning. The school moves forward well, and I continue to be proud of every aspect of the school.

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AUTUMN TERM 1995

The long hot days have come to an end with the return to school!

4th. Staff Meeting all morning attended by Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Dunnet, Mrs. Henson, Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Luckrell. Lunch at the Chequers Pub was followed by a visit from Gresswell - the library fitting company. The proposed re-vamp of each classroom library area will cost approximately £1600. I hope the FLB will agree to their donation to school being used for this purpose. Charles - the Chequers landlord - gave me a cheque for £175 today - proceeds from the August Fruit and Vegetable Show. The Talding Foundation have also given the school extra money this year - £20 per pupil.

5th. The morning was spent with the staff - reviewing the School Development

Plan, and planning for the next three years.

Lunch at the Chequers was followed by an afternoon doing final classroom planning and organisation in readiness for tomorrow.

6th School began at 8.55a.m. There are 58 children on roll. 9 children began in the Infant Room - they will all be 5 during the course of the academic year.

The day went well. The children quickly settled to work. The infants are embarked upon a Bears project this term whilst the Juniors are studying Forces in Science, and Egyptians in History. At the end of the teaching day Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Dunnet and Mrs. Mackay met with Mr. Bird and Mr. Doe from Mascall's School Design and Technology Department to work out technology ideas for working in partnership this

year. A good meeting with plenty of ideas, a good working relationship and a plan.

Mrs. Rowe (Governor) then met with Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Dunnet to review the Sex Education Policy.

Mrs. Rowe donated 8 books to the school libraries - she has now finished her term of office as a Governor.

A long day - but a good start to the term.

7th. Mrs. Alley attended a Village Hall Committee Meeting in the evening. The new kitchen in the Hall is an excellent improvement.

8th. Completed F10 forms for L.E.A and D.F.E. 58 pupils on roll.

12th. Swimming lessons recommenced. There are approximately 28 children who attend each week. It is not possible for the Year 2 children to attend

the lessons because of high numbers.

13th Mr. Newman - father of Daniel - attended a meeting with Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Ferson and Mrs. Lumlly. He is concerned about the progress of Daniel, who has some learning difficulties.

The Staff Meeting was attended by Mrs. Sally Kemp who is a member of the local community, and an ex-science teacher. She is willing to help with the planning and possibly execution of parts of the science curriculum.

14th. Mrs. Alley attended a meeting at St. Marks C.E. Infant School Keeles. She is working with a group of heads on a County Project about Management in Small Schools.

15th Celebration Assembly at 9 a.m. attended by ex-pupil Sharon Perolls, her parents, Mrs. Reikes and

Mrs. Smith. The reporter from the Tonbridge Courier also came along. Sharon won £50 for the school in the annual calendar competition run by Ricara Sportswear Company. She was unaware of her success until she arrived. We are all very proud of her achievement. Mrs. Raikes stayed and did her Special Needs Governor visit. She updated children's progress by chatting with Mrs. Alley, and spent time in the classrooms hearing readers. The vicar called in for coffee and a chat at break time.

21st Mrs. Campbell attended a Clerk to the Governors course at Chatham.

23rd Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Dodo attended a Dyspraxia Course at Westborough School, Maidstone.

25th The junior children are studying Ancient Egypt this term. For the

Technology part of their work they are going to test boats which they have designed and made, and also design and build a shade. The Technology staff from Marcell's School are helping us with this work, and have been helpful with planning. Today they brought a vacuum forming machine, and formed hulls which had been made of clay by the children. The staff then stayed to work with the children. It was a very good afternoon.

26th Mrs. Rucknell, Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Dods attended a Special Needs Course at the Southborough Centre in Maidstone.

Mr. Lewis, a parent, assisted with the swimming in Mrs. Mackay's absence.

27th There was a meeting at Yalding School concerning transport and the nearest designated secondary

school. A few Laddingford parents attended. Laddingford parents have a natural inclination to choose Mascall's School as it is so near.

Oct 3rd Mrs. Pucknell, Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Dods attended Day 2 of their Special Needs Course.
Mrs. Alby attended a Management course.

Oct 5th Harvest Festival was another great event, with much produce to sell. Some was sold at the village country market on Friday. Money was sent to the NSPCC.

10th Mrs. Pucknell, Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Dods attended Day 3 of their course.
Mrs. Alby attended a Child Protection Course.
Mrs. West was appointed Governor (parent of Christopher)

11th Roger Finn, from Laddingford Engineering, is making a willage video. He spent time in school video-ing aspects of school life.

16th Individual photographs were taken of all the children.

17th Day 16 of the Special Needs course for Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Lucknell and Mrs. Dods.

19th Mrs. Alley is working on a County project about small schools - management and curriculum. Her group met at Laddingford today so that they can understand more fully the context within which each one works.

20th Another library development day - practical and exciting sitting all the resources together and appraising how much we

have to offer to the children.

23rd-27th Half term.

30th Mrs. Ferson and Mrs. Alley attended a School Self Review course.

1st Nov Mr. Roy Puddy visited the school to talk to the pupils about fireworks and safety. As always a very good, informative morning with much learning and laughter. Parents Evening - only two did not turn up.

10th A great morning. Mr. Gale, Mr. Doe and Mrs. Kern from Mascalls visited and the junior children tested their boats and shadufs which have been part of their Egyptian and Design and technology work. The event was a great success and the children conducted

themselves in a very mature way. Praise was, quite rightly, afforded to them from Mascalls staff, and Mrs. Smith (C. of G.) I am grateful for the help and expertise from Mascalls school - a very good partnership.

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15th Mrs. Alley attended a Drugs Awareness Course.

21st Mrs. Fenson attended a Maths Course.

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22nd Mrs. Dunnet organised a trip to the Egyptian Rooms at the British Museum for the Junior children to complement their Egyptian work. They saw many artefacts, did worksheets, saw videos and sketched.

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23rd The juniors have built a tomb in the library area - all in connection with their Egyptian Project. A great technology

7th

event, and helping them have a greater understanding of life then.

The ~~ass~~ termly Gov. meeting was held at 5.15.

30th The vicar worked with a group of children to prepare a piece for this assembly.

Dec.

5th

Our new Educational Psychologist, Barbara MacBlair, worked with a child and met with his parents. He has dyslexia and needs much one to one help.

6th

The vicar took assembly and used children to act out two bible stories.

7th

The In school review discussed all the special needs children and renewed their provision.

- 9th The F.L.S. Christmas Fayre was held in the Church Hall.
- 13th Mr. McKroy, Governour, visited the school to see computer use and related activities.
- 14th The school hosted its annual entertainment and tea for the village's older residents. "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" was a great success. The praise for the children's efforts was richly deserved.
- 15th The infants attended the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone, to see the annual pantomime.
- 21st The morning began with a Christingle Service in school accompanied by the M.G.S. Brass Group. We all moved in the rain, sadly, to the other end of the village where

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Jan

The new sign has been erected and was unveiled to a fanfare from the Brass Group and a blessing from Father Malcolm. Everyone - young and old moved into the Chequers for coffee (other drinks), mince pies and chocolate biscuits. A super village event.

A time capsule is buried beneath the sign containing a School Development Plan, a sweatshirt, photos, a personnel list, a prospectus and a code of behaviour.

Who will find it? When?
Will the school still be there?
The future - what does it hold?

SPRING TERM 1996

2nd
Jan

The teaching staff enjoyed a development day with Ian Coelson, the History Advisor, who discussed aspects of curriculum

provision and helped with the writing of a history policy. What a super person with a passion for his subject, but well aware of the context within which we work. A refreshing day, and a good start to the term.

4th The children returned.

5th Mrs. Mather, Governor, visited school to review the Health and Safety policy and walk the school environment with Mrs. Alley.

9th Mrs. Alley went to inaugurate the 11 plus test at Collier Street. There are no Laddingford candidates this year.
Mrs. Dunnet attended a Key Stage 2 SATS course.

10th Mrs. Alley inaugurated at Collier Street again.

11th Mrs. West, Governor, visited the school. She attended assembly and then spent time beginning to understand special needs provision.

12th Mrs. Dunnet and Mrs. Fenson attended a Technology course.

13th Mrs. Fenson attended a Key Stage 1 SATS course.

17th P.C. Dickens, Police Liaison Schools Officer, spent the morning in school talking about safety and strangers.

18th Rev. Batson visited for a chat and beginning of term meeting.
Mrs. Alley spent the afternoon at Heath School, continuing work on the small schools curriculum and management project.

29th The FHS held their A.G.M. - a few new parents attended, but as usual, a small select band

do most of the work and need more help to spread the load. Without the FLS help many of the resources the children enjoy would not be there - school is indebted to them for their fund raising efforts.

31st Barbara McClain, the Educational Psychologist, spent time with a child who has been diagnosed as having Aspergers Syndrome.

30th Jan. Rose Collinson spent time in school. She is the advisor who works on the assessment team.

6th - 8th Mrs. Alley attended the 11 plus panel for Sanderson candidates.

8th The September entrants had their medical assessments.

12th + 13th Mrs. Ferson attended a music course.

19th - 23rd Half term.

March
7th Ana Scott came to work with the junior staff and pupils on netball skills. Two parents joined the session also.

March
14th The Infant class presented an assembly on the theme of Mothers, as Mothering Sunday is on Sunday. It always makes for an emotional morning, and is well received. Sadly a couple of Mums could not be there.
Early Governors meeting at 4.15.

15th A Technology day with Paul Stallcross, technology advisor. He gave us plenty of ideas based on themes, resource implications and help with policy writing.

19th Mrs. Alley attended the Primary Headteachers Conference at the

Great Danes Hotel.

21st The junior class presented assembly and acted out some bible stories from the New Testament.

The juniors enjoyed rugby with Pete McLoughlin during the afternoon.

31 The AGM of the Governing Body took place in the evening. Coffee, nibbles and wine lured a few more parents to come along.

27th P.C. Dickens spoke to parents from five schools in the area at Marden School about Drugs.

A very informative evening, which will be backed up in school with Circle Time work using Targade resources.

8 Only a few Luddingford parents attended.

18th The In school review discussed a number of special needs pupils

and their provision.

April
16th

The Easter Parade was the usual success with some very innovative and stunning gardens, bonnets, cakes and baskets. These were displayed in the hall for parents to browse around. Tea and coffee was served.

SUMMER TERM 1996

23rd Children returned to school.

26th Mrs. Dado and Mrs. Oilly attended Waverley School in Tonbridge. They wanted to make an assessment as to whether it would be a good placement for the child with Aspergers Syndrome - post primary school. It is a school for children with Speech and Communication difficulties, and was a great place. I am sure that it will be the right

environment for him.

May
1st

The staff meeting discussed school self review, and the need to make tracking of children and assessment more of a high profile in our work. We have ideas and will work towards implementing them, as well as writing the necessary policy.

2nd.

Rev. Batson made his termly chat visit.

The Juniors enjoyed rugby training.

The staff attended an Oxford Reading Tree meeting at Westborough School. There's so much more we hope to buy to supplement the very good, broad reading scheme we already have.

8th

Law Wallace, Lower School head at Mascalls, visited the school to acquaint himself with the pupils who will

attend Mascalls in September.

10th Mrs. Mary Smith and Mrs. Alley interviewed Mrs. Chapman for the post of Lower Junior teacher for next year. The number of juniors means that it will be necessary to run two smaller classes. The older group will be based in the Hall - not ideal but necessary. Mrs. Chapman is an NQT and will be an asset to the school. She is employed for one year.

11th - SATS week for Key Stage 2 pupils.

17th The week was good and the children approached the tests with common sense and maturity.

17th Mrs. Alley attended the annual Keensong at Rochester Cathedral. Wonderful. The singing is magical.

22nd Mrs. Tenson and Mrs. Alley met with the parents of some of the new entrants into the infant class in September.

23rd Mrs. Alley has joined a new forum for headteachers called the Kinghill group. The group meets 6 times a year at the University of Greenwich, Kinghill site and has a speaker on a range of educational issues beyond the humdrum of the everyday curriculum. Sea and talking with other Heads is also important.

26th The FKS organised a successful and noisy disco for the children in the evening.

27th - 31st Half term.

June 5th The photographer photographed the whole school outside - a glorious

day to go to the field.

6th Hinton school spent the afternoon with the juniors playing rosenders in training for the forthcoming tournament.

9th Its National Walk to School week.

10th

Mrs. Fenson out for Key Stage 1 SATS audit.

13th

Yrs 1 and 3 were seen by the dentist. A lot of fillings needed.

Tennily Governors meeting at 5.15.

14th

Mrs. Fenson and Mrs. Dunnet walked the 9 miles to school from Maidstone and arrived in time!

They were met by the children at the village sign, and we all walked on to school together. A great morning. The press came too.

19th Ms. Taylor visited school to talk to the children about their favourite books, and to get the children to choose their favourite book from a compiled list. We are asked to present our findings in any way we choose and provide a display. The books to choose from are donated to the school.

July
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21st The Yr 6 pupils attended the Safety in Action competition at Maidstone Barracks. Again learning from experts in a fun but controlled environment. The children took home their annual report of progress.

6th

26th Parents Evening was well attended, and comments were positive.

11th

27th Rev. Batsen took assembly.
The annual rounders tournament

took place at Luddingford.
The infants enjoyed making badges
in readiness for Sports Day
which will have an Olympic theme.

July
3rd Mrs. Alley attended a Child
Protection course.

5th The Yr 6 pupils and Mrs. Alley
attended the Safety in Action
presentation at Police H.Q. in
Maidstone. Again we were not
winners, but enjoyed an evening
of fun and congratulations to
others.

6th The Summer Fayre was enjoyed by
the many who attended, and
raised about £1000. Great - and
a lot of hard work.

11th In school review day. Special
needs pupils were discussed
and provision reviewed.

12th Olympic Sports Day - which was extremely well received. The track was round. The flame was carried in (paper of course!) the oath was taken, the teams paraded. There were running, jumping and walking events, as well as a gym display. Everyone received a medal (made by the infants) for taking part. The sun shone and it was a day to remember for good sportsmanship and excellent organisation, thanks to Mrs. Ferson's idea and staff team work.

15th - Cycling Proficiency for Yr 6
17th pupils in the village.

17th P.C. Carter, the new schools liaison police officer visited the infant class. Sadly, he is not as charismatic as P.C. Dickens!

1972 Parents Assembly was held at 9 a.m. and they were presented with dictionaries.

There was an end of term disco organised by the FHS in the evening.

Another year has ended. Children develop and move on. Thankfully the great staff team is still in place and I am grateful for their very hard work, and seemingly inexhaustible fund of new ideas and ways of doing things to provide consistency with variety.

AUTUMN TERM 1996

School has been spring cleaned and decorated in some areas. It looks ready to receive the children and staff. Thank you, Mrs. Pucknell.

Thank you staff for preparing in the classrooms in readiness for the pupils.

Sept 3rd + 4th Two development days working on assessment ideas and policy, and reviewing and updating the School Development Plan

5th The children returned.

9th Mrs. Alley attended a mentor training course in order to help Mrs. Chapman in her first year of teaching.

11th Ian Coulson, history advisor, spent

the afternoon in the classrooms teaching a lesson on Greeks to Key Stage 2 and a lesson about Kings and Queens to Key Stage 1.

12th The Infant class spent the day at Hever Castle to complement their Kings and Queens work. It was a super day, and the children were both enthralled and extremely well behaved.

18th Stockwell Puppet Theatre visited school, and again gave their usual great performance which all the children enjoyed.

25th Mrs. Alby is being appraised again, and met her partner, Mrs. Gloria van de Wode the Headteacher of Bodsham Primary School today.

30th The speech therapist visited school to work with a Yr 6

pupil.

Oct.
14th

Harvest Festival day. The goods were piled high, and sold at the country market.

8th Barbara MacBlain, the Educational Psychologist, visited school to assess a Y 6 pupil.

9th Mrs. Dods attended a language course.

11th Derek Blease, the county music advisor visited the school, as he is conducting a survey regarding music provision in primary schools. He was very complimentary about our work, and the use of Mr. Wolfe. He was very interested in our forthcoming production of the Greek musical. A great day for feeling good about the school and our work. He was enthralled by the

team work and the ethos.

12th We took part in the Swimming Gala at Maidstone Leisure Centre and came 3rd - a great achievement as we beat much larger schools with only Yr 6 pupils swimming.

14th The photographer took individual photographs of the children.

16th The Yr 6 children attended a theatre session about drugs at Collier Street School. The group is called Theatre ADAD - 4 young people who give an interactive presentation about drugs and saying no. Great presentation, enjoyed by all. Lets hope the message stays with them and they are safe.

17th Mrs. Dunnet attended a course on Epilepsy.

18th The Juniors visited the British Museum to complement their work on the Greeks. They saw artefacts, did worksheets and sketched.

The FLS organised a disco for the children in the evening.

21st - Half term.

25th

29th Mrs. Barbara MacBlain, the Educational Psychologist, assessed a Y6 pupil.

30th Parents Evening was well attended.

31st Mrs. Chapman attended a Learning Resources course.

Nov. 5th Mrs. Fenson attended a course about Baseline Assessment for the Early Years pupils.

8th

7th The Family Governors meeting at

12th

14.15. Mrs. Mary Smith has decided to relinquish her post as Chairman of Governors, although will remain as a Governor. She has given over 16 yrs. of service to the school, and I have enjoyed an excellent working relationship with her, as well as a good friendship. I shall miss her but look forward to a new partnership with Mr. McKroy as Chairman. Staff and parents and Governors took Mr. & Mrs. Smith to dinner at Ruffles restaurant in Yalding, where we enjoyed an excellent evening. Mrs. Robson, a parent and artist, painted a picture of the school as a gift for Mrs. Smith.

8th Mrs. Dunnet attended a course entitled 'Learning to Collaborate'.

12th Mrs. Chapman had a day off

to attend her Graduation Ceremony.

15th Mrs. Alley attended a Diocesan R.F. 9th
course in Rochester entitled
Primary Worship.

23rd The FLS Christmas Fayre was
poorly attended - a lot of work
and effort for not much return.
Maybe it needs rethinking. 12th

5th ~~Nov~~ The In school review discussed
Dec. and renewed provision for some
of our special needs pupils.

6th Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Mackay and
Mrs. Pucknell spent the afternoon
at the Area Education Office
setting up a display of our
children's work in the entrance
area. It took a long time,
but we were rewarded with
compliments. The infant work was
The 12 Days of Christmas. The
junior work was about the

Greeks.

9th School received a letter from Richard Bolsin, the Area education officer, complementing everyone on their standard of work. The display in the entrance area was very well received!

12th The Entertainment was presented to the older village residents and visitors.

The Infants presented their own nativity - written and performed by them.

The Juniors presented the Greek musical.

Both were outstanding, and encompassed all curriculum areas.

I am proud of everyone, and delighted to be part of such a vibrant school.

We received many glowing compliments.

17th An evening performance to parents of the entertainment, which was again extremely well received. Special mention has to go to Mr. Wolfe who entered into the learning of this with great enthusiasm and commitment.

19th MGS Band came again and we finished the term with Carols and Candles and the Christmas story, read by members of staff.

An excellent term - but exhausting!

SPRING TERM 1997

1st The first day back and we went swimming.

8th Practice 11 plus day
Rev. Watson visited for his termly chat.

- 9th English 11 plus day - two candidates.
- 10th Maths and Creative Writing day.
- 18th Year 3 pupils had medicals today.
- 15th Carole Noakes, the musician with a huge variety of instruments visited both classes. The infants enjoyed the experimenting with the instruments and sounds; the juniors began to understand the science of how sounds are made. Mrs. Alley attended an L.E.A. meeting at the Commissioners House at Chatham Naval Yard.
- 16th Form Two completed and sent to the L.E.A. and D.F.E.R. in readiness for budget setting for April. A social worker visited to chat about a pupil.
- 17th Mrs. Alley and Mr. McElroy attended

a budget meeting in the evening.
There is less and less money
around - budgets will be cut alas,
I fear.

22nd Barbara MacBlair, the Educational
Psychologist, spent the morning in
the junior room observing two
pupils who give us cause for concern.
Mrs. Alley attended a training
session for the administration of
the Nursery Voucher Scheme, which
seems to be a very complex,
cumbersome system, and one that
will confuse parents.

23rd A multi agency meeting was held
at Maidstone Hospital regarding
one of our pupils, who needs a great
amount of help both academically
and socially.
Mrs. Alley and Mrs. McKay attended
a Governors course.

24th A great day. The staff enjoyed a

P.E. development day when we did much dance work, and movement. We all participated and Laune Barber, the advisor, was inspirational. We spent the afternoon discussing provision of P.E. with limited resources, ideas for all P.E. lessons and policy writing. The staff were all great doers and triers - just everything I would have expected them to do. They are a great team. I am very lucky - so are the parents and pupils.

27th Mrs. Ferson attended Palace Wood Infants school to look at good practice in Key Stage 1.

29th Barbara MacBlair spent the morning assessing a Yr 1 pupil with speech and language difficulties. Mrs. Dunnet spent the day at Sedley's school near Northfleet observing another small school in action, and finding out about their

assessment model.

Mrs. Alley attended a Consortium meeting at Brighton Hovehelsea Primary School.

30th Mrs. West, Governor, visited Yrs 5 and 6, who are being taught in the Hall. Mrs. Alley appraised the non-teaching staff.

31st Mrs. Chapman attended Bamsale School in the afternoon. George Buckley, an E.W.O. and ex-school governor visited the school with a plan for an adventure visit for the Yr 6 pupils later in the academic year.

Feb. 4th - Mrs. Alley attended the 11 plus
7th Bordenstone panel.

5th Mrs. Ferson spent half a day at Madgifford Infant School looking at Early Years Provision and

assessment.

14th Staff development day on assessment

17th-21st Half term.

26th The Astrodome was in the Hall again and greatly enjoyed by everyone. Mrs. Mary Smith, Governor, visited the school and enjoyed the visitors, too. Mrs. Tenson and Mrs. Alley met with pre-school parents to explain about the nursery voucher scheme. Some parents are very confused about the system - so I am!

27th Mrs. Mather, Governor, visited school to discuss security.

Jan Kemp, the Headteacher of Leeds and Broomfield Primary Schools, spent the afternoon in school observing and discussing policies and procedures.

March
5th

Mrs. Chapman attended a Cricket Course.

6th The junior class took assembly on the theme of Mothers in celebration of Mothering Sunday. The assembly was well received, and most Mums were able to attend.

Mrs. Raikes, Governors, visited school and spent time with special needs pupils.

11th Mrs. Fenson attended a Key Stage 1 SATS training course.

12th The Yalding Foundation Competition took place. The five candidates did extremely well, and we were praised as a school for our high standard.

Mrs. Chapman attended a cricket course.

13th Mrs. Olly attended a conference for headteachers at the Great Dunes Hotel.

Termly governors meeting at 5.15.

- 17th The area director of education, Richard Bolan, attended the Conventions meeting at Corkeath School.
- 18th The Infant class performed a superb assembly on the theme of numbers - very high calibre of presentation and high expectation.
- 19th The In School review discussed some of the special needs pupils, and their provision.
- 20th George Buckley and the junior staff met with parents and Y6 pupils to explain about the forthcoming trip to the Anethusa Centre in Upton. All children will attend, camp, cook and pay £26 each. All activities are closely supervised by qualified staff.
Governors A.G.M. at 8 preceded by open evening around the school.

- 26th The last day of term with the Easter Parade - a great array of hats, gardens, cakes and eggs.
The Silding Foundation competition winners received their book prizes.

SUMMER TERM 1997

April

- 14th School reopened.

- 15th Barbara Macblain visited to assess an infant pupil, and interview her mother.

- 16th George Buckley visited the children who are to go to the Anethusa Centre to further discuss problems, fears, etc. Everyone is very excited and positive. They will camp and have to do their own cooking, so news have to be drawn up, and notes for files.
The staff attended a Folens book evening.

23rd Richard Bobin, the area director of education, visited the school to discuss with Mrs. Alley some of the problems of running a small school. Some issues he was aware of but the problems surrounding consistency when coping with yo-yo budgets, accommodation and delivering the curriculum were not so well known to him. It was a good morning, and Mrs. Alley was grateful for his time and interest. I hope it brings forth changes for the better.

28th Terry Lee, a Maidstone Grammar School pupil, began work experience at the school.

Mrs. Alley spent time with Mrs. Chapman assessing her progress as a newly qualified teacher. She is very pleasant with the pupils, is very calm and has an empathy with children who have some degree of special need. She is good at using evaluation and assessment.

to inform planning. School is pleased with her progress.

30th Mrs. West's Governor, spent time with the lower junior class.
Mrs. Alley attended Bodsham Primary School to begin appraisal of the Headteacher there.

May 1st. The junior children spent the afternoon at Collier Street school playing football and netball - much enjoyed by all, and good to practice with others.

Mrs. Alley attended a meeting at the Compass Centre in Chatham about OFSTED inspections.

2nd Maggie Ellis from the Personnel Department, spent time with Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Smith and Mr. McElroy discussing targets for headteachers.

7th Yrs 1 and 3 were seen by the school dentist.

The junior class went to Watlington to play in and support the teams in the football and netball tournament. Playing against larger schools where the teams are often comprised of all Yr 6 pupils can be daunting, but Laddingford pupils conduct themselves in a very sportmanlike manner and always do their best, despite not winning the trophies.

9th Two parents visited the school to discuss the possibility of their daughter taking the 11 plus exam a year earlier, as she has the ability. Her progress will be monitored before final decisions need to be made.

12th- Key Stage 2 SATS tests week.

16th Two children took tasks and not tests as their ability was low, and the tests were not

appropriate for them. Mrs. Dodo, a classroom assistant, administered the tasks.

15th Dave Wallace met with staff to discuss the pupils who are moving to Mascalls School in September, and to make arrangements for the Mascalls SENCO to visit and observe children with special needs, and their provision. Rosemary Brown, early years advisor, spent the afternoon with Mrs. Fensome to review, evaluate and discuss provision for early years pupils in a multi age group class.

16th Mrs. Alby attended Choral Evensong at Rochester Cathedral with Mrs. West, Governor. As always, wonderful singing, and calming effect at the end of the week.

21st Mrs. Fenson and Mrs. Alley met with some of the parents of the new entrants to the reception group in September.

23rd Joyce Neal, and a representative from MacDonalds visited school to present swimming certificates to the pupils. Joyce is the swimming coach co-ordinator at Moti Park Leisure Centre and has coached our pupils for some years. MacDonalds have recently become involved with supporting swimming, and have their names on some of the certificates. They also sponsor the Annual swimming gala we participate in, and congratulated last years competitors, presenting them with certificates also.

26th - 30th Half term.

June 4th Excited yr 6 pupils with Mrs. Dunnet, Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Jodo

set off in Mascall's hired minibus to attend the Anethwa Outdoor Centre at Upton. There was much laughter, and a lot of luggage!

5th Mrs. Alley visited the Anethwa Centre in the afternoon where she found very excited pupils who were just about to begin a raft race - rafts made from oil drums, planks and rope, which had been built by the two teams into which they were divided. The Medway looked cold, despite the sunny weather, and they took to the water. One raft capsized after a few paddles! The other stayed afloat and got to the finishing line. Everyone enjoyed the event, even having to dismantle the craft and tidy all components away. Then it was off to the high wire walk - what a lot of support they gave one another. I was proud to be with

them, and see them working in such a caring, supportive way. Great kids! And super staff - both ring and the Centres! We will return!!!
At 3pm. they were collected to return to Laddingford - very tired, but having had a great experience.

6th Rose Collinson, senior advisor, visited school. She observed in the classrooms, and was impressed by all she saw, and was particularly complimentary about the follow up lesson to the Anethwa visit, and the display work around the building.

A crash bar was fitted to the staff room external door, to improve both security and make for easier fire escape route.

11th. The junior class enjoyed two days of designing and making Tudor houses in technology.
A lot of mess and sewing

chaos, but there were some excellent results, and some good learning points, so that development can hopefully take place.

Some pupils made tiled pictures - we were able to find swimming pool tiles at knock down prices - some excellent work again & painstaking designs.

Ted Goodfellow, The Headteacher of Chislet School, visited to experience life at Laddingford. I hope that he found it a useful experience! He said that he had had a great time and learned a lot.

Mr. Robson, Governor, visited to see the Technology 'in action', and to check health and safety issues when working in these curriculum areas. No worries.

Governors met at 4.15, when the first agenda item was OFSTED - the team will visit sometime next term.

18th + 19th The lower junior class enjoyed two days technology, and produced a Roman villa with tiled floor. Great work of which Mrs. Chapman was justly very proud. The children worked well in small groups, and were delighted with the end result. Mrs. Olley attended a lunch at Maxcalle School, for organisations who have a link with the school.

19th Mrs. Olley attended the Small Schools Conference at Eastwell Manor.

20th. All the children took home their annual report. Scholastic Book Company delivered crates of books to sell during next weeks Book Week.

23rd - Book week: -
27th Events
Daily reading time.

book making.

Book sharing - juniors and infants.

Visitors in to share books, magazines, comics, etc with pupils.

Book mark making.

Rob Atkinson - stories and songs.

Newspaper story and photograph.

Book character dress up day.

Daily sale of books.

A super week with much enthusiasm and interest in a range of reading matter.

25th Yr 6 took part in the Safety in Action competition at Maidstone Barracks.

Parents Evening was well attended.

26th Pete McLoughlin, the cricket coach, began working with the upper juniors - a 6 week course.

July
2nd

The infant class spent the day in Hastings, and had a

wonderful time accompanied by Mrs. Ruckell and Mrs. Fenson. They enjoyed time on the beach, as well as visiting the museum and the fisherman's huts, plus a ride of on the cliff railway. There were some tired little bodies that came off the coach!

The annual rounders tournament took place on the school field. As always a super event, where fun and sportsmanship is the order of the day, and everyone enjoys.

3rd Two interviews today for the post of a junior teacher for Sept. onwards. Mrs. Dunnet will leave at the end of term in order to have a full time job. She is moving to Sherwin Knight school in Strood.

Mrs. Sandra Johnson, an Australian teacher, was appointed, and we look forward to a new

dimension in Laddingford School -
and an exchange of cultures.

- 16th Mrs. Fenson attended a course
about Baseline Assessment, which is
a method of assessing all children
during their first seven weeks in
a reception class.
- 8th Mrs. Alley attended Narden School
to be a part of their
Centenary celebrations. We sat
outside and were immersed in
Victorian school days. Excellent.
- 9th Mrs. West, Governor, helped
Mrs. Alley to review and plan the
revised prospectus.
In the afternoon we held a
whole school assembly about
Summer in the playground. The
sun shone and it was a
new way of celebrating the
Wonder of God's world. Strawberries
and cream were served after

the service.

10th Several children with special needs were discussed at the in school reviews.

11th Mrs. Alley attended Mascolls School prizegiving, where she presented internal school certificates and prizes, and had to make a short speech. There were many faces she recognised, and was able to present prizes to. The staff and pupils were very welcoming, and it was a friendly event.

12th The Summer Fayre raised £1400 and the weather was super. Mrs. Kemp and her team did a great job.

17th The new headteacher of the new Kingshill Primary School which opens in September visited to

get some planning ideas.

18th Sports Day was a great success again. Running, obstacles, washing on the line, egg and spoon, & potted sports events - everyone takes part, and team work is emphasised. It's a day I really enjoy - and the comments are nearly all very favourable.

21st - Cycling Proficiency training for
24th Yr 6 pupils in the village.

25th Leavers Assembly at 9, which had a host of memories. Mrs. Dunnet and Mrs. Chapman left the teaching staff today. It was quite an emotional time - they have both contributed to the life of the school in so many ways, and I hope they look back on their time at Laddingford with happiness.

Term ended for the children with a disco organised by the F.L.S. Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Dods attended an evening concert at Benenden School where one of our pupils, Harry Maynard, was singing. He had been attending a Kent Music School singing course for three days.

AUTUMN TERM 1997

- ^{Sept}
8th + 9th The staff worked for two days preparing classrooms, reviewing the school development plan and writing a P.F. policy.
- 10th The children returned after the long holiday.
The junior classroom is now one again - the hall being used for extra activities not as a classroom.
- 12th A special day in the life of the school.
Mary Smith (Governor) and Alan Smith have a long association with Laddingford C.K.P. School. Their five children have all been pupils here - Catherine being the last to leave in July.
This morning they came to take assembly and bring a

small cross to use every assembly time, along with a candle holder and snuffer.

The cross has been carved by Mrs. Smith's father out of apple wood - appropriate as Mr. and Mrs. Smith are local fruit farmers. The cross and candle will be used every day in assembly. A very fitting gift.

17th Barbara McBlain, the Educational Psychologist, spent the morning in school assessing a Y 6 pupil.

18th The village is a great resource for us. Mrs. Fenson and Mrs. Luckrell use it regularly with the infant children, and today they walked to look at homes and buildings.

Oct 1st Now we have a Victorian parlour in the school! The junior class are learning about Victorians in history, and learning

Resources Outreach collection has loaned us their Victorian parlour for two weeks. It sits very well at the bottom of the stairs - chairs, ornaments, a rug, a sewing machine, a side board, lusts and games.

2nd Harvest Festival day. The hall was full as usual and there was much produce. The Smiths lent us two young trees - an apple and a pear, and we displayed a range of fruit pictures and paintings. During the afternoon Ruth Frith arrived. She is to be our Registered Inspector for the OFSTED inspection. She is a very pleasant lady, whom I instantly warmed to. She will, I know be rigorous but fair when she comes with her team of two in December. We spent some in and around school,

agreed on documentation to be collected, and then met with the staff at the end of the afternoon. Some Governors arrived too, and Mrs. Faith was keen to make the visit a partnership as much as an inspection. I feel confident that we shall have a good experience.

9th Mrs. Fenson attended an Early Years course.

11th The parlour has departed and the area looks quite bare! The children enjoyed experiencing the parlour, and some did excellent sketches of the artefacts.

15th Mrs. Smith, Governor, worked with Mrs. Alby to agree Headteacher targets, and review job descriptions.

16th Sandra Roberts, from the assessment

team, visited to monitor the administration of Baseline Assessment in the junior reception group.

Jan Coulson, history advisor, spent the afternoon with Mrs. Johnson, helping her to get to grips with Victorian England - a far cry from her native Australia, but she is tackling it with gusto and learning a lot she tells me!

20th All the children were photographed individually.

21st Staff Development Day with Bob Jay, an LEA advisor. He got us to look at our school and practices in the knowledge of OFSTED, and gave us thoughts, ideas, pointers to make the OFSTED experience positive, meaningful and developmental. Still bothered by the whole

concept but feel it will be alright.
The waiting is the worst part!!

27th - 31st Half term.

Nov.
5th

Yr 6 children visited Collier St. School to see a drugs presentation by Theatre ADAD. Excellent production which is lively but very open and honest. Much enjoyed by the pupils, who talked a lot about the issues after the event.

6th Rugby coaching with Pete Newboughlin has begun - 6 week course for all the juniors.
Governors termly meeting at 5.15.

13th Parents Evening - many enquiries about OFSTED.

14th Mrs. Olley has been accepted on a Central Bureau Administrators Workshadowing Programme and will go to a Chicago school for 6 weeks

in April and May next year. She goes with the blessing of the staff and governors but her absence causes budget problems. However, she has secured some money to solve the problem, and this morning met with Alan Smith, representing the Yalding Foundation, who have agreed to give a sum to the school also.

19th The junior class visited the Science Museum in London - seeing a variety of Victorian inventions and looking at the development of science and technology.

Ruth Kirk arrived at 6 to collect documentation we had prepared for the team to read pre OFSTED. She then met with parents, who have the right of access to her.

21st The line dancers, whom Mrs. Ferson coaches on a weekly basis with enthusiasm and commitment are taking part in the Children in Need fund raising event which is taking place in The Chequers pub.

There was a marquee at the front of the building with a stage. There was a Talent competition, and as well as our line dancers a large number of the pupils did things in groups or as individuals. The line dancers won - richly deserved.

A great community evening, which raised about £3000 for the cause.

27th Mrs. Alley displayed art work based on David Hockney's Swimming pool at Mote Park Leisure Centre.

29th The swimming gala at Mote Park Leisure Centre was a hot,

noisy evening, enjoyed by all. We were not witness this year, but helped to raise money for charity.

Dec.
6th

Each year we are able to use an Advent Ring. It was made for us by Tom Newman, husband of Mrs. Newman who opened the extension in 1992, and grandfather to Hannah Dartnall who is a Yr 6 pupil. Today, as always after Advent Sunday, we began the countdown to Christmas by using the Ring and lighting the candle.

16th

The In School review discussed some of our special needs pupils, and made recommendations regarding future provision.

8th

OFSTED DAY 1
Jon Thompson, the inspector for Collective Worship, attended

assembly, interviewed children,
Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Smith -
Foundation Governor.

9th OFSTED DAY 2 - and Mrs. Alley
had an interview for a new
job!!!

She attended the interview - all
day, returning to school at 3 p.m.
The OFSTED team had spent all
day observing, and getting on
with their job.

The staff were stars, and just
got on with their jobs as always
with competence and greatly
supportive of each other and the
children.

Mrs. Alley did not get the job!

10th OFSTED DAY 3.

The inspectors are housed in
a caravan opposite the school in
Mrs. Marsden's driveway. It's the
only space near to, but not on
top of us! They run to and

pro to fill the kettle, and send to the Chequers for sandwiches at lunch time. They are staying overnights in the travel lodge at Watlington.

After school they spent time with the teaching staff exploring planning, and curriculum responsibilities. It was a good time, a professional time, and there were lots of good ideas floating around.

11th OFSTED DAY 4.

Evidence gathering continued.

Mrs. Frith and the lay inspector met with Mrs. Alley after school and gave the verbal feed back, which was very acceptable, and fair.

12th The Collective Worship OFSTED report was sent to the Chairman of Governors who brought it into

school with congratulations. The opening sentence read "The quality of the Collective Worship is excellent!" A great start to the day/end to the week.

Henry Thornton, the recruitment officer, visited school to check on the progress of Mrs. Johnson, who has to gain Qualified Teacher Status in England - a state of affairs which angers both her and I, as she has nine years of teaching experience in Australia, and one in France.

15th The infants enjoyed their annual visit to the pantomime at the Hurlitt Theatre.

16th Pat Tonlin, from Barnardos, visited to speak with the children about Barnardos and their work. The collections at the Christmas entertainments will be for Barnardos this year. The

17th children performed their Victorian Scenes and Nativity play for Parents in the evening. As always Mr. Wolfe played the accompaniment.

17th The older residents and visitors enjoyed the entertainment and the tea provided by the Junior children, as well as the excellent Nativity play, written by both the infant children and staff. It is always a delight to see - the true meaning of Christmas - innocence.

18th Mrs. Frith and the day inspector returned to read their report to Mrs. Alley in the afternoon. No problems. Fair. Balanced. No surprises.

The report was shared with the Governors and Rose Collinson, representing the LKA after school.

A rigorous, but good experience. I

6. am proud of my staff for their work and high expectations; I am proud of my pupils for their cheerfulness, ability to be very welcoming and confident. I'm very glad I am here.

19th Carols. Coffee and Mince Pies at 9.15 with the Maidstone Grammar School Brass Group. Lunch time party lunch, followed by games and home at 2.30.

Exhausting, but satisfying.

SPRING TERM 1998

4th Staff development day where the staff began the process of compiling an Action Plan based on the findings of the OFSTED team.

6th Another development day to plan for the term ahead.

7th Mrs. Mackay attended a First
8th Aid course to update her skills,
as she is our named First
Aider, and has to keep abreast
of training and developments.

9th Practice 11 plus tests took place
for two pupils.

12th- 11 plus tests for the two pupils.
13th

14th Barbara Macklain reassessed at
Gr 6 pupil, and recommendations
were made regarding future
schooling, as he is a child with
particular special needs.

15th Ian Coulson, history advisor, spent
time with Mrs. Johnson
talking through planning.

19th Mrs. Olley attended a Diocesan
Meeting at Rochester concerning the

future aided status of church schools and the possible changing of names. The Governors met to work out the wording of the press release and the letter to parents regarding the OFSTED inspection.

20th We have a new Vicar - Rev. Reid who was inducted at Tadding Parish Church this evening. The 3 headteachers from the 3 schools in the parish were invited to attend, along with other community and parish representatives. The school looks forward to welcoming him and his wife to events at school. We hope that Rev. Reid will become a Governor of the school, as his predecessor, Rev. Bolton (who has moved to East Ken) was.

26th A teacher from Leeds and Broomfield Primary School spent the morning with us to observe

and see good practice.

The FLS held their AGM in the Chequers Centre Pub. Mrs Kemp was praised, very deservedly, for all her hard work and ideas as Chairman, and was persuaded to spend another year as Chairman.

29th Barbara Macblain, the Educational Psychologist, observed and assessed a Yr 5 pupil who is under performing, and then spoke with his parents.

Mrs Alley visited the Recruitment Officer, Perry Thornton, to ascertain the quickest route for Mrs. Johnson to achieve Qualified Teacher Status.

Feb. Mrs. Alley attended the 11 plus
6th to 6th borderzone panels.

6th The literacy strategy which is being introduced by the

government requires targets to be set for the achievement of pupils at the end of each Key Stage. Mrs. Alley attended a seminar to discover more details on the process of setting the targets.

5th & 6th The junior class enjoyed two days of technology making a 3D map of Raddingford and the surrounding area.

16th Glynis Runley, the Modern Languages Advisor, spent time with the junior class speaking French.

12th Robin Mellow was in school. He is a poet, and spoke poetry to the children in addition to helping them write and speak their own poetry.

16th - 20th Half term - the re-roofing of the church was begun.

24th The Governors finance committee held a meeting - little was achieved due to a small amount of information from the LEA regarding next years funding.

25th The Geodome was in school. Like the Astro dome it is a bubble into which we crawled, and the history of the earth was revealed to us. Another great learning experience.

26th The publication of league tables nationally concerning the results of all children in the Key Stage 2 SATS tests has caused many people to talk and question. Mrs. Alley met with two parents this morning who wanted justification for our positioning in the league tables for 1998. It's hard to discuss this in a small school where everyone is known, and anonymity is hard to achieve.

I hope I succeeded!

Mrs. Alby appraised the non-teaching staff.

A meeting regarding the proposed trip to the Anethusa Outdoor Centre in April was attended by Yr 5 and 6 parents and pupils. The cost will be about £75, the children will be in dormitories, they will be provided with all food and there for three days. Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Johnson will accompany them. The staff attended a Folens Book evening.

March
3rd

Mrs. Johnson attended a training session for the administration of Key Stage 2 SATS.

5th

The Governors held their termly meeting at 4.15.

6th

Sue Yunncliffe, Headteacher of Kingshill Primary School, visited to discuss OFSTED documentation and process.

12th

Mrs. Tenson and Mrs. Alby attended a course concerning funding for schools through the National Grid for Learning Initiative. Mrs. Tenson is to manage this area of school life. She has a flair for computer work, and is a good money manager. She is initially required to audit resources and staff skills.

13th

Mrs. Alby was interviewed for the Headship of St. John's Primary School

in Maidstone, but was unsuccessful.

17th Mrs. Alley attended the annual Headteachers Conference at the Great Danes Hotel.

20th Mrs. Fenson attended a Key Stage 1 SATS training course.

Mothers Day took the form of a special service/entertainment followed by tea in the classrooms - all the children had made their Mum and themselves a special circuit. The press came to photograph the occasion.

Chaotic, but another good event.

25th The Yalding Foundation Competition took place this afternoon. Each of the ~~five~~^{three} boys really tried extremely hard, as did the one girl. Well done! It's not an easy task.

26th The In school review discussed a number of the children on the special needs register, and reviewed

their provision.

The A.G.M. of the Governing Body was held. Not many parents but there was discussion around a number of issues.

31st Dave Wallace, Head of Lower School at Mascalls, visited to discuss pupils that will transfer in September, and meet with them.

April
3rd

Mrs. Alley left for Chicago where she will spend 6 weeks staying with Mrs. Sandra Stringer, who is Principal of Romona Elementary School in Wilmette, North Shore Chicago.

Mrs. Hanson will be acting Headteacher for the duration - the school is in very safe hands.

7th The Foster Parade was held during the afternoon morning, and the term ended at 2.30 p.m.

21st. SUMMER TERM 1998

21st The children returned to school.

22nd Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Johnson took Yrs 5 + 6 by Mascallo minibus to the Arthusa Centre for their 3 day adventure.

It is World Book Day. Every child received a £1 book voucher to spend at a bookstore.

24th Excited but exhausted children returned to school having enjoyed a great time at Arthusa, where they had also been visited by Mrs. Fenson.

30th The infant class accompanied by Mrs. Fenson and Mrs. Luckrell went to London Zoo, and enjoyed a great day with all the animals.

May 6th The annual football and netball

tournament was held at Watlington School - the usual good event.

8th Rev. Reid took assembly, and talked about the Church's seasons, bringing his stoles to also discuss the colours.

11th - Key Stage 2 SATS tests for the
15th Yr 6 pupils took place each day.

12th Mrs. West, Governor, visited to observe an infant P.K. lesson.

15th Mrs. West, Governor and Mrs. Tenson attended Evensong at Rochester Cathedral.

18th Mrs. Alley returned after her very successful trip to Chicago, where she experienced life in an elementary school in a very affluent area; where she visited, by way of contrast,

two large downtown city schools and saw appalling poverty and housing conditions; where she was alongside a Principal who just administrated (no teaching, no curriculum monitoring, no financial management!); where she saw Chicago city sights; was wine and dined; attended Passover (Seder meal) and Shabbat; travelled to Baltimore for a weekend; visited the State capitol building in Springfield, met the Representative and went on the floor of the house. An altogether amazing, enlightening and super experience. Sandra Stringer might find here a little bit of a culture shock!!

19th Chris Roone, the District's Advisory Officer, wanted to discuss the Chicago trip, and check on literary and numeracy targets.

20th Mrs. Johnson is expecting a baby

and will leave at the end of term. Mr. Wilson, an ex secondary colleague, is interested in the post and visited this afternoon to get a feel for the school, and the demands of primary teaching. He is a scientist, and that is a specialism the staff needs.

22nd - 29th Half term.

June
2nd Mrs. Tenson attended a science course.

3rd The photographer photographed the whole school. It was cold and rainy and had to happen inside, alas.

4th Mrs. Alley visited Leeds and Broomfield School, where they have just had a good OFSTED inspection after a difficult time.

Cricket coaching for the Juniors began with Kele McLaughlin.

5th Training for the Literacy Hour
+ 2nd began - for 2 staff and a Governor. Sadly the training was poor, and the issue of delivering the hour to mixed age classes was not addressed satisfactorily. What a lot of differentiated planning there will need to be.

9th Adrien Hill from the Maidstone Tennis Centre visited the school, and spent the afternoon coaching the infant children. There is the possibility of further coaching.

10th The junior class visited Hastings to explore the old town.

11th The Headteacher from Bridgar School visited to give some advice about the planning of the science teaching in a small

school. This will assist our addressing of this area of our post OFSTED action plan. Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Lunley (SEN support teacher) visited the unit at Hallings School to assess the suitability of the unit for a current Yr 5 child.

12th Mrs. Raikes (Vice Chair of Govs) and Mr. McElroy (Chairman) interviewed Mr. Wilson - and he has been appointed as a teacher at Laddingford C.K.P. School as from Sept. 1st.

17th Yr 6 attended the Safety in Action Competition at Maidstone Barracks.
Bob & Vivian Zahraiser briefly visited the school in the evening. Bob is a teacher at Romona School in Chicago, and is currently on holiday in England.

18th The moderator for the Qualified Teacher Status visited to check the administrative work regarding Mrs. Johnson. She, too, was being moderated by another - so two came!!

Mrs. Johnson has achieved the Qualified Teacher Status - at last! and congratulations. Margaret Jennings, advisor, visited school to speak with Mrs. Alley about her rôle in the advisory service.

Governors meeting at 5.15.

19th The children each took home their annual report.

20th Mrs. Arnold, deputy headteacher at Maidstone Girls Grammar School, visited to meet with the one pupil who will transfer there in September.

Mrs. Tenson and Mrs. Alley met with some of the new parents of

children who will begin the reception class in September.

25th Parents Evening, which was long - there are a lot of children and all the parents turned up. Going home at 10.30 is not good!

26th Mrs. Alley attended a special Founders Day Service at St. Michael's Church in Maidstone. (St. Michael's Junior School was her former school)

30th Peter Linn, the Oxford Reading Tree representative, visited the school. We were able to purchase a large number of books to further supplement our very good reading scheme.

July

1st. The annual rounders tournament took place.

3rd The Fire Service attended school to talk to all the pupils, and

let them explore their fire apparatus.
Great fun - especially when playing
with the water!

Mrs. Alby and the Yr 6 pupils
attended the Safety in Action
presentation, which is Mr. Ruddy's
last, as he is retiring. A great
loss - he has done a huge amount
to raise the profile of safety,
generate funds, and keep the
competition going.

Mrs. Sandra Stringer arrived in
England today. She will be here
for three weeks.

6th Sandra Stringer spent the day in
school, meeting staff and pupils
and observing. There were lots
of questions from pupils, and
many conversations.

In the evening Mrs. Alby and
Sandra went to the FLS meeting
in the Chequers.

7th. Sandra had lunch with the

Consortium headteachers, and spent the afternoon with Cherie Sergeant, headteacher at Marden School, where she met Maidstone Mayor and his wife, the Mayoress, who is a member of Cherie's staff. An invitation to the Town Hall was issued.

8th Sandra spent the day with Penny Thornton, the recruitment manager. Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Wilson met to discuss work covered by the juniors, and methods of doing things - ready for the hand over.

9th The in-school review took place and a number of children with special needs were discussed and their education plans reviewed and revised. Sandra observed the process.

Sandra spent the afternoon with Sally Manning, the appraisal advisor.

Mrs. Alley and Sandra went to the

Kingshill headteachers group, and then
a Governors training meeting.
A very busy day

10th Mrs. Alby and Sandra visited
Richard Bolton, who is now Director
of Education for Medway District.
(Richard had given Mrs. Alby a
reference for her trip to Chicago, and
was keen to hear about the
exchange)

11th The Summer Fayre was good until
rain struck about 3.30.
Line dancing and African dancing
were provided by the children.
About £1200 was raised. Another
great effort. Thank you Mrs. Kemp
and the F.S.

13th Sandra visited Cucknees School in
Maidstone.

14th Sandra visited Bishop's Terrace and
spent the day shadowing the

District Schools Officer (Anne Rex) and the District Advisory Officer (Chris Roome)

15th Sandra spent the day at Maxcalls School.

16th The whole school produced assembly about Holidays. Parents attended and Sandra was presented with a Laddingford sweatshirt.

Sports Day - the weather was warm and the event went well as always because of good planning and team work. The staff work so hard to make these events of a high quality. Behaviour, as always, was excellent.

In the evening Sandra attended the opening of the rebuilt and refurbished part of Holmesdale School.

17th Sandra spent the morning at Maidstone Girls Grammar School. She and Mrs. Alley had lunch in Rochester with Dr. Greenwood, Rochester

Procesan Director of Education.

July 21st Sandra left early for Chicago.
A good chance to exchange cultures,
and a worthwhile experience.
Leavers assembly took place at
9.15. And we said good bye and
thank you to Mrs. Johnson. (We now
await news of the baby.)

What a year - many happenings,
travel and cultural exchange.
The pace in education is so fast
now though. Sadly, some of my
colleagues are finding it too
stressful, and one or two tragedies
are happening.

I am a believer in high expectation
all round, realising potential, giving
of ones best - but the price must
not be too high, and enjoyment
has to be there.

AUTUMN TERM 1998.

Sept

7th Term began with a development day, where the School Development plan was reviewed

8th Literacy development day for all the staff.

9th Children in.

10th Mrs. Alley spent the morning planning the Harvest Festival with the help of Alan and Mary Smith.

15th The Kent Messenger photographer photographed the new entrants in the reception class.

17th Mrs. Alley dined at Mascalls School at the invitation of the new pupils in Yr 7 who left Luddingford in July. They were both chatty and a little

self conscious! I then met the new Headteacher, acting for a term. The staff and I did a Parents Evening about the Literacy Hour - explanations, rationale, and a demonstration of how parts of the hour may run.

- 11st Mary Smith, Governor, visited the school to observe the literacy hour in both classrooms.
- 22nd The juniors went to the Marlome Theatre in Canterbury to see a production of *A Midsummer Nights Dream*, which was excellent.
- Oct/28 Harvest Festival day - held in the orchards at Alan and Mary Smiths farm. Children, staff and parents arrived in boots, wellies and trousers. We stood in a circle, whilst Alan made a cross with two branches from apple trees, laden with bright

read apples. The story of the apple was told - PIP to PIP; we sang unaccompanied; the children were shown how to pick an apple and were each allowed to take one back to school. Clue and wonder in the orchards.

A super morning and many compliments. A feature in a Countryside faith magazine followed too.

2nd The children had brought packeted and tinned gifts for Harvest, and it was decided to send these to help the homeless people of Maidstone. Pat McCabe, who runs the centre and works extensively with the homeless, came to talk to the children and answer their questions. A great afternoon for understanding of another way of life.

5th Stockwell Puppet Theatre came to entertain the whole school - popular as always. Decorated hall for tomorrow.

6th A very special day in the life of both Laddingford and the school - Mrs. Rucknell retired.

Assembly in the morning was attended by parents and children.

Memories were recalled by the children, and Mrs. Rucknell was presented with cakes, a garden bench, books, perfume and wine.

Refreshments were served. At

lunch time a bouquet was delivered. At the end of the

afternoon old staff and friends from the community arrived for tea.

In the evening the Governors, staff and partners with Jean and Gordon Rucknell went to the pub for a meal.

A great day, and one that reflected the love and affection that everyone has for Jean, who

has had an impact on the lives of many people in the village. Mrs. Baker replaced her in class. Her present to the school was the decoration, and lowering of the ceiling in the stair area - very typical of the way Jean would do things - practical and fulfilling a need. Thank you.

7th We hope to raise £2000 in the Year 2000 to go towards the building of a play area at the bottom end of the playground (where the car park is). This evening we visited the play area at Leeds and Broomfield School to get ideas and costings.

8th We are now Internet capable in the classrooms!

9th Mrs. Olley acted as an assessor for NPQH candidates giving presentations. A good insight into

the expectation of these prospective,
aspiring headteachers. Not sure I
would have made it!!!

10th The annual swimming gala at
Nole Park Leisure Centre. The event
has grown, and there were many
more competitors and spectators.
We did well, despite not winning
and the team swam fantastically!
Well done!

15th The Junior Class visited the Globe
Theatre in London to complement
their History work about Tudors.
They toured the building, did
a workshop with Adam Coleman
(who also writes Oxford Reading Tree
books) and then performed on the
stage - an extract from *A Midsummer
Night's Dream*. It was a fantastic
experience.

19th The photographs - individually
Photographs of children.

Mrs. Olley was invited to meet the candidates for the Mascalls Schools Headship at an evening reception. An interesting and valuable experience. Quite a privilege.

20th Mr. Wilson attended a course at the Power Station. We are to do a project about weather and have been given equipment to measure temperature and rainfall. The children will present their projects - weather forecasting - on video.
The staff attended a Folens Book evening.

22nd Mr. McKloy, Chair of Governors, observed junior maths.

23rd Mr. Wilson took a Science development day, where we studied the QCA Science documents, and started to

Review provision in both Key Stages.

26th - 30th Half term.

Nov.

5th

Mrs. Alley attended a course on target setting and assessment in Yr 5. Rugby training with Peke McLaughlin began for the Juniors.

10th Mrs. Tenson attended a course about the introduction of the National Numeracy Strategy.

12th Parents Evening was well attended.

18th +

19th

The Juniors enjoyed two technology days. Heather Wilson and two Yr 12 pupils from M&GS came to help the pupils; clocks and cards were made.

Mrs. Kidson was appointed as Cleaner in Charge. No more contract cleaning - thank goodness. She will start work at the beginning of December.

- 27th Mrs. Alley attended a meeting about small schools with Mike Ayler, the county primary advisor - positive and negative perspectives were put, and comments will go to the DFE.
- 30th The advent ring is in use again.
- Dec 3rd. The in school review took place. Some children were discussed and provision was reviewed.
- 8th The Kent Messenger photographed some of our Nativity scenes for a feature they will run before Christmas.
- 10th Mrs. Tenson and Mrs. Baker attended the Talding playgroup Nativity play.
- 11th The Christmas Fair was held after school (3-5 pm.) It was very busy, and a much better option

I think, than a Saturday. Everything was cleared by 6, and a good amount of money (approx £600) was raised. Well done - yet again, Mrs. Kemp.

15th The parents enjoyed the evening performance of the Nativity and the Tudor Masque. Both were well performed, and Mr. Wolfe was, as always, hugely appreciated for his musical accompaniment. Well over £100 was raised for Dreamflight.

16th The older village residents and other visitors enjoyed the nativity, masque and Tudor tea. Another great Christmas, full of hard work, enthusiasm, team work and high standards. Well done everyone.

17th The infant class made their annual trip to the Hazlitt Theatre to see the pantomime.

18th The M.G.S. Brass Group joined us for Carols, Coffee and Mince Pies, before party games, party lunch and the end of term.

SPRING TERM 1999

1st Development Day for all staff.

1st The children returned.

Mrs. Olby had an interview for the Headship of Charing C.K (aided) Primary School. She was offered and accepted the post, and will take up the position on April 12th. It is a school in serious weakness. There's a challenge! Emotions are mixed!!!

1st By the end of this year we hope to have raised £2000 towards our Millennium Play area project. The children

are being encouraged to bring small change to school on a daily basis to cover the letters of the word millennium. The press have taken a photograph and got a story. We plan to hold a number of fund raisers through the year to meet the target.

8th A cake sale today. Staff are providing goodies to eat for the children each Friday, and selling them for 10 pence each. No problem selling them - and a little more money for the millennium pot.

11th There are no 11 plus candidates at Raddingford this year.

21st Chris Roome, District Advisory Officer, visited the school to talk with Mrs. Alley about her new post, and discuss the plans for

the appointment of her successor. As the time scale is too short for Easter appointment, the Governors wish Mrs. Kenyon to be Acting Headteacher for a term. I am delighted at this appointment for her, and wish her well. She always has the best interests of the school and children at the heart of what she does. I hope she enjoys the work as much as I have done.

28th Graham Best, from the Special Support Team, visited Mrs. Alley to see the context in which she now worked, and to discuss the new appointment at Charing, where he and she will be working closely together to turn the school into a more successful one.

21st 2nd Mrs. Alley attended the London one
- 16th

panels of the eleven plus.

15th - 19th Half term.

22nd My last half term. A strange feeling for something that has been part of my life intensely for a relatively short period I am getting extremely emotional! Children come, children go, the school remains - a very necessary and vital part of this community. Long may it be a strong influence in the village.

24th Mrs. Alley visited Canterbury Diocesan Office to meet the Diocesan Director of Education, and the Field Officer.

March
16th The termly Governors meeting. The post OFSTED Action Plan was signed off - the areas have been addressed, with the exception of one curriculum part which will

be re-addressed with the publication of Curriculum 2000. The Governors have been a good source of support, and critical friends during my time here. I am aware of the responsibility on their shoulders, but they have approached their role with professionalism, and addressed the issues of the school in both the local and national context. I am pleased that the publication of this years League Tables for Key Stage 2 SATS has meant that Laddingford C.E.P. School has come much higher in the ratings BUT saddened that so small a piece of information can make such a difference to peoples thinking. This school, like the majority of others, does things that are good every day - only recognised by those it affects - and that is the crucial part of the schools work, and one which

we must never lose sight of.
Thank you, Mrs. Mather, Governor,
for your support of the school -
enjoy your "retirement" from the
Governing Body!

25th The in-school review discussed
and reviewed provision for a
number of special needs children.
The Governors held their A.G.M.
As from September all schools are
required to have a Home School
Agreement to further develop the
partnership between home and
school. Mrs. Alley discussed with
the parents a draft agreement
during the meeting, and soundings
were taken from the parents.
This document will be worked
upon further and presented to
each parent for signing at a
later date.

30th My last day. It began with
the Easter Parade which turned

into this is your life - great surprise!
I was well and truly coned. So
many visitors, tapes from the States,
many gifts, children singing, tears.
What a memorable time. In the
evening staff, Governors and partners
went to Claygate for a meal.

A wonderful day. A wonderful
byro and 2 tennis.

Best wishes for the future, Laddingford
Church of England Primary School.

R. A. Alley. 31/3/99