

Date	Pound St School Moretonhampstead Log-Book entry 1892-1917
Jan 1892	Scarlatina
Mar 1892	Reprimand from Board - only the Master to give punishments after complaint from Colonel Bluett.
June 1892	First drawing exam by local inspector.
July 1 1892	Poor attendance owing to fire at Mr Laskey's Court St. - several dwelling houses burnt down.
Aug 1892	Report for 1891-2: Higher grant only barely earned for English & Geography as instruction too mechanical. Arithmetic VG. Neatness, Reading, Spelling, Composition & Recitation Good. Good order.
Dec 1892	Poor attendance due to Xmas market.
Jan 1893	Mr Neck gave all children a tea at Infants School.
Feb-March 1893	Mumps.
April 1893	Number of boys 'returned to Dr Barnado's home'.
July 1893	Holiday & tea party for marriage of Duke of York & Princess May.
July 1893	Eric Opie & Fred Adams 'taken from parents & placed in Newton Union'.
Aug 1893	Report for 1892-3: VG order & Arithmetic; some Grammar & Geography weak.
	Assistant Teacher Harry Friend won second class Queen's scholarship.
Mar 1894	Applied to Board for harmonium.
July 1894	Absences - gone to Volunteer camp at Manaton.
Aug 1894	Attendance better by offering prizes at Athletic Sports in playground - tradesmen donated 'presents'.
Sep 1894	Report for 1893-4: Arithmetic not so good but both class subjects very well taught. VG pass in Elementary subjects. VG order.
Sep 1894	School closed for tea given by WFD Smith.
Sep 1894	Loss of grant due to low average attendance. Asked again for harmonium.

Nov 1894	Applies again for harmonium. Assistant Teacher Harry Friend leaving - been 'very painstaking & industrious'.
Nov 1894	Master given 2 days 'holiday' - in fact has got married & Harry Friend & school give him wedding present on return of 'pretty cruet stand'.
Dec 1894	Friend leaves - presented by boys with 'beautiful writing desk'.
Jan 21 1895	New Assistant Teacher Sydney Chase - takes II & III standard.
Mar 8 1895	Tea from S N Neck (Board chairman) & entertainment in Smethhurst Schoolroom.
April 1895	Chase passed Scholarship Exam in Third Division.
Sep 1895	Report for 1894-5: VG order. Very creditable exam though Grammar might be stronger in 5th & 6th standards.
	Report for drawing exam: Good.
	Photo taken of all boys - copies to be given as prizes.
May 1896	Mr Bourne of Doccombe to be prosecuted for not sending boys regularly.
May 29 1896	Board members watch boys go through Musical & Military Drill.
June 19 1896	Mr East (Board Member & Steward for Smith estate) on behalf of WFD Smith presents bass drum for Fife & Drum band.
June 1896	Long list of approved (by Inspector) object lessons grouped under topic headings e.g. foods, clothing.
Aug 1896	Report for 1895-6: VG - 'much skill & enthusiasm'. Questions use of only one classroom for 2 teachers & 2 separate standards.
	Drawing; Good
Oct 23 1896	Chase slipped while playing with boys during dinner time & dislocated shoulder.
Dec 8 1896	Portion of ceiling fell in.
Feb 5 1897	18s for India Famine Fund sent to <i>Western Morning News</i> .

Mar 12 1897	Correspondence with Miss Davies, schoolmistress of North Bovey. 2 boys sent by father from North Bovey as he 'prefers tuition under a Master'.
June 1897	P Boyce & S Aggett passed Labour Certificates - can now start work under 14 as affirmed their school work of reasonable standard.
	Poor attendance - North Bovey Jubilee Festivities.
July 1897	Report for 1896-7: VG & praise for Band. New schoolroom should be provided asap.
	Drawing: Good.
Sep 1897	New room being built. Cannot use the classroom so all in the 'big room'.
Jan 1898	Death of Chase. Boys buy porcelain wreath to put on his grave (at Kingsbridge).
May 24 1898	New assistant finally arrives - Mr William R Ward.
July 1898	Long list of object lessons - all practically based.
	Report for 1897-8: VG order & condition of school but lower standards 'not as good as usual'. Need more object lessons in lower standards. Might lose grant if no improvement.
Sep 1898	Applied for globe & apparatus for experiments in object lessons.
Nov 1898	Needs cupboard for apparatus needed for object lessons.
Dec 1898	Whooping cough.
Jan-Feb 1899	Assistant Ward absent - no replacement.
July 1899	Report for 1898-9: On whole 'decidedly good' school though lower standards not taught as well as upper.
Nov 1899	17s 6d collected for <i>Western Morning News</i> widows & orphans fund.
Jan 1900	New assistant Mr Whale from Bodmin.
	6 new fifes from WFD Smith.
Mar 1 1900	Chairman of School Board brings news of relief of Mafeking & gives a holiday!
May 1900	School closed for 3 weeks for measles.

July 1900	Quite detailed syllabus notes.
Aug 1900	Whale left to go to Training College.
	Report for 1899-1900: Critical of analysis of sentences by older boys & spelling imperfect in 3rd but takes into account recent illnesses. VG order.
Sep 1900	New assistant Walter Vivian Roberts.
Oct 1900	Robert Sibley died of diptheria.
Dec 1900	School closed week early for Xmas for scarlet fever.
March 1901	Object lesson on census.
	Complains to Board of employment of boys by tradesmen on Tues am.
June 10 1901	School closed pm as Volunteers returned from Boer War & drum & fife band joined in procession & welcome. 3/4 volunteers former pupils - A Wills, F Parker & H Dymond.
Sep 1901	Report for 1900-01: Very well taught, good order, creditable condition.
Oct 3 1901	Band have tea at Hayne with Smiths.
Jun 2 1902	Afternoon holiday. School Band play in The Square on news of peace in South Africa.
Jun 20 1902	School closed for coronation holiday.
July 1902	Details of syllabus for 1902-3.
	Report for 1901-2: VG order. Teaching 'sound & efficient'. Military Drill deserves praise. Premises need repairs & better ventilation.
Nov 10 1902	Waif Saturday - boys collect 3 guineas for Dr Barnados.
Jul 28 1903	Poor attendance for first cattle show in town.
	Report for 1902-3: Good order & creditable progress but too many in lower classes & attendance not regular enough. Premises & ventilation have improved.
Sep 1903	Devon County Council takes over control from Board. Run by Managers - Rev Lancaster, S N Neck, J S Neck JP & G Field.

	Holiday & fete at Hayne for birth of son for WFD Smith.
Nov 1903	Assistant passes certificate 'first class' & leaves for school near Bristol.
Jan 1904	New assistant Lancaster.
Feb 1904	Start half-holidays for attendance of 90%+ once a month.
April 1904	DCC appoints attendance officer & gives certificates for 98% attendance.
May 1904	Boys assemble & 'march to lessons'.
Aug 1904	Report for 1903-4: Good order, satisfactory progress, better attendance. Some repairs still needed.
Nov 1904	Teachers now paid monthly rather than quarterly.
May 24 1905	Empire Day - boys formed into a square in playground & all saluted when band played national anthem.
July 1905	Report for 1904-5: Teaching vigorous & effective. Very satisfactory progress. Good discipline.
Nov 1906	School closed for roof repairs. Have to use Drill Hall with only 6 desks & I room until 18 Jan.
Mar 1907	New assistant W Acutt has problems keeping order.
Nov 1908	School closed for 6 weeks for measles.
March 1909	Galleries in 2 classrooms to be removed.
July 1909	New Coulthard prize (in honour of his father) for best progress.
Sep 1909	County Medical Officer starts visiting.
Oct 1909	Scarlet fever - some boys' books destroyed by order of Medical Officer.
Oct 25 1909	T. B. Bowring visits & offers money prizes based on best aggregate quarterly test marks for attainment & conduct. Oldest div: £3, 2nd: £2, 3rd: £1. To be put in winners' PO Savings bank accounts as 'an encouragement to thrift'.
Jan 14 1901	School closed for 6 weeks for scarlet fever.
May 9 1910	Death of 'our beloved King Edward VII' - boys given talk on 'some historical facts' about him & Queen.

May 30 1910	Education Board to limit school to 113 boys.
June 27 1910	Scripture exam by Rev. Hines.
July 1910	Syllabus now includes Shakespeare & organised games.
Oct 1910	Bowring prize winners names on board in school.
Nov 3 1910	Report on Scripture exam: good standard even though some of better boys have recently left 'to work in the fields'.
May 24 1911	Empire Day: Boys given short address in playground. Band played 'God save the King' & 'God bless the Prince of Wales'. Hearty cheers for Royal family & our countrymen across the seas. Boys marched into school.
Sep 11 1911	School closed for 3 weeks - case of poliomyelitis in town.
Oct 4 1911	Manager Rev. Lancaster talks about behaviour in streets - boy confesses to putting iron bar across footpath at Kinsman's Dale.
Oct 10 1911	Some boys barred due to polio in family or area.
April 4 1912	School re-ordered into 3 divisions & 3 terms - from April to July, July to December & December to Easter. Exam at end of each term.
	Detailed new syllabus for 3 divisions.
June 1912	2 Pyne boys walk back to Okehampton after 'dinner' & then next day walk to school with mother from Okehampton - left at 4am!
July 26 1912	Sir Thomas Bowring gives prizes & tea at Smethurst Schoolroom.
Sep 1912	Boys taken to see Arts & Crafts Exhibition.
April 8 1913	Good report. Mentions 'prizes of considerable value' to best boy in each class'. Commends band.
June 1913	Report of scripture exam. N.B. gives class sizes:
	Group 1: 14 Mr Phillips VG
	Group 2: Mr Luke VG

	Group 3: Mr Cox Excellent
Oct 15 1913	Master has day off for daughter's wedding but calls in afternoon to check all ok - it is.
Nov 7 1913	All pupils attend funeral of pupil Harold Hooper.
Jan 1914	Complaints about heat & light.
April 7 1914	Sir T. Bowring offers prize of £60 for any boy or girl who passes County Scholarship exam = free place at Newton Abbot Secondary School & rail season ticket for 3 years.
May 1914	Excellent scripture report - boys given half-day holiday. Best boys listed.
May 14 1914	Given Union Jack & flagstaff by Sydney Seymour. Boys drill band plays national anthem & boys salute flag.
	Managers present: Chairman J Stevens-Neck, H.S. Seymour, A Blackmore & J Gray.
July 1914	Prize winners. Arthur Colridge won T. Bowring scholarship.
Sep 7 1914	Assistant Phillips 'has joined Kitchener's army'. Mr Fuke has given up holiday from Reading University to 'come to my assistance'.
Sep 28 1914	Retired master W Kneebone & Miss Jarvis of Kingsbridge to help teach. But Master has problems organising all drill & games.
Oct 2 1914	Boys collect to buy 2 blankets for soldiers at the front.
	2 new Assistant teachers - one is Mr Lewis from America who is living in Moreton.
	School dentist visits.
Oct 23 1914	W Kneebone & Mrs Jarvis leave.
Nov 20 1914	Former pupil Fred Beer killed in action at Renteul, Belgium on Nov 5.
Nov 27 1914	Former pupil Hubert Abraham died from wounds at Front.
Jan 1915	Mr Philllis back & Mr Eggbeer.
April 1915	Cases of scarlatina. Country children barred from school for 6 weeks. Some books destroyed on orders of Doctor.

	Assistant Eggbeer joins RAMC. New Assistant Mahoney.
Summer 1915	Measles. Without assistant for month.
Autumn 1915	Understaffed - an assistant sent to another school on supply. Has temporary female assistants.
Oct 18 1915	Death of Sir T Bowring - boys attend funeral & give wreath at Unitarian Chapel.
Spring 1916	Measles, mumps & whooping cough - boys off for 3 weeks. School closed for week to be disinfected.
Autumn 1916	Some boys excluded 'on account of diptheria'.
Xmas 1916	Miss Dolbear resigned. First standard now taught by a boy for two weeks.
May 24 1917	Empire Day parade with the scouts. Salute the Union Jack & sing nat. Anthem. HM talk on 'Our Empire' & 'Economy in Food'.
July 1917	Whortleberry picking has begun, 'consequently the attendance is poor'.
Nov 16 1917	Average attendance 89.8/98.