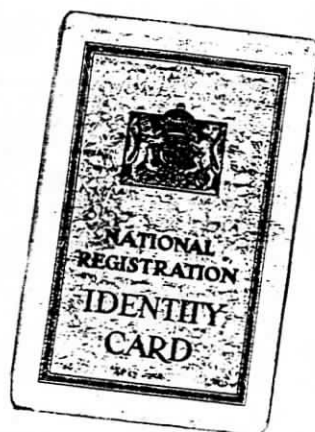


SCHOOL DAYS



ST MARY'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL 1943. From the Logbook.

Headmistress; Miss D.E.Price (appointed 1st September 1938)

Assistant ; Miss J.Murphy (appointed 21st October 1929)

Managers ; Fr.J.Higham; Mr R.Marsden; Mr W.Dilworth;

Mr T.Wells; Mr J.Berkley-Weld (replaced by Mr R.Wilcock)

JANUARY 7th School reopened.Few children present.Attendance below 60%.
Two windows put in the south side of the school at the west end. Cost £13. 2s. 9d.

FEBRUARY 8th Only 9 out of 22 infants present owing to measles.
19th By order of the Sanitary Authority the school closed at noon today until March 8th due to measles . School to be fumigated.

MAY 5th Morning time-table disturbed due to visit of nurse for cleanliness.
In the afternoon the whole period was allowed for drawing aeroplanes .This was a "Wings for Victory Week" Competition.
8th-15th "Wings for Victory Week" Total savings £851.10s.0d.

JULY 2nd School closes for summer holiday .Four local children and one evacuee leave today.

AUGUST 9th School re-opened.59 children plus one evacuee on registers.

SEPTEMBER 9th To celebrate the Armistice with Italy the children had an impromptu concert this afternoon.Dr Duggan and Fr Browne were present.

23rd This morning two A.R.P. Wardens visited the school and examined the children's gas masks .All were in good condition.

OCTOBER 4th A slow combustion stove has been installed but cannot be used as we have no coke . A low wooden screen has also been put up to divide the room.This was erected by Mr Slater at a cost of £5.2s.5d.

8th Temperature at 9 a.m. 48° F

Temperature at 12 noon 52° F

12th Stove now in use .Room much warmer.

NOVEMBER 22nd Owing to the "black out" morning school now commences at 9.30 a.m.

During 1943 seventeen children were admitted to the school.Of these six were called Dewhurst.

The number on the registers throughout the year was 68 of whom 20 were Dewhurst ; 7 Holden ; 5 Marsden ; 5 Wilson and 5 Slater.

MEMORIES

From Martha Billington & Teresa Clark (nee Slater).

Before the stove was installed ,in winter we did our lessons with coats on. In summer we had lessons outside on benches.At dinnertime we went to Mamie Walmsley's in Club Row for a cup of tea,some went to Miss Holden's opposite the school.We all carried gas masks,ear plugs and identity cards , and did wartime drill .Once a year Miss Murphy took us on a ramble up Parlick . In winter, after the stove was installed,milk brought in a kit was warmed up on it and drunk from cups.We also knitted squares for soldiers blankets. Margaret Slater (now Parker) wrote a slogan which won a competition.

" Put your money into savings,
Knock old Hitler into shavings"