

2.9.75 The Downs School becomes 'Comprehensive' - 415 pupils.

22.10.75 Parent Meeting re. 'Parent Governors'.

17.11.75 Further discussions - Mrs Curtis / Mr. Luscombe re. Charge Complex.

5. 12. 75 School Party to Smithfield Slens.
18. 11. 75 Mr P. Davis visited school re. Finance for New Buildings.
18. 3. 76 School Visit to Ideal Homes Exhibition.
25. 3. 76 Visit by Mr Jewell (Superintendent of Education).
19. 5. 76 Social Evening - Governors, Staff & Reps. of Primary Schools.
22. 6. 76 School visited by Mr Ransome. (Language Advisor)
16. 7. 76 Visit by Mr Miles / Mrs. M. Lane re. "facilities in Small Comprehensive School"
23. 7. 76 Mrs Joyce (N.) Mrs Colton (P.E.) left staff. - Mr. King resigned from L.E.A.
1. 9. 76 Term started. 442 pupils on roll. - 27 staff.
New staff:- Mrs Henderson (P.E.), Mrs Dewey (Gym), Mrs Hall (N.), Mrs Winter (Crafts)
Mr. Stead (Actg. Hk. / Public Facility)
11. 10. 76 Inaugural Meeting of Parents Association.
15. 12. 76 Visit by Mr M. Kegan (Maths) & Mrs M. Moran (History) re. Children Development.

13. 1. 77. pm Children sent home early - Severe snow.
14. 1. 77. School closed 9.45 am - Complete power failure.
18. 1. 77. Mrs Morgan (H.A.I) visited oo. H.E./Headmistress
1. 4. 77. School closed - NUM strike. (No necessary work)
18. 8. 77. Social evening with Governors, Staff & Primary School staff.
13. 6. 77. P.Y Groups to Stoke Newington Activity Centre - Somerset.
9. 7. 77. School presentation - "Jubilee".
6. 9. 77. Start of Term. 450 Pupils. 3 New Staff. Mrs D. Melling (Mtd of English)
Mrs Griffiths (Mtd of Languages) Mr B. Birch. (P.E.)
15. 9. 77. Fire Drill. 3.10 pm.
10. 10. 77. Governors Meeting - Tea taken with staff. 4. pm.
12. 10. 77. Fire Drill 1.25 pm.
17. 10. 77. Parents Presentation A.E.M.

1. 11. 77. Bus Club.
4. 11. 77. Reception of 3yr Dental Survey.
17. 11. 77. Fire Drill 2.18pm (In connection with Fireman Strike).
24. 11. 77. Visit to school by "Spectrum" Theatre performers.
28. 11. 77. Meeting at Kennet House re. Proposals for the future of Downes School.
Ch. V.C. of Governors, Ch. of Ed. Committee, Mrs. Poma (C.C.), Headmaster & Mr. Lewis.
6. 12. 77. Parents Association Evening re. "The Teaching of Mathematics".
7. 12. 77. Intra. House Public Speaking Competition.
20. 12. 77. S.G. Entertainment Competition performed.
21. 12. 77. End of Term. Mr Gray ($\frac{3}{5}$) left Staff. Carol Concert followed by Carol Tour of Village (Raised £25 in aid of Save the Children Fund).
Presentation to Sir L. Wilson to mark the end of his period of service in the Governing Body. (1960 - 1977).
10. 1. 78. Term started. - Mrs. Clay read book "Just-Time".

16. 1. 78 Meeting of Representative Governors.
18. 1. 78 Parents Association - "Any Questions".
19. 1. 78 Heavy Snowfall - Many bus accidents.
20. 1. 78 Inter House X-County - New trophy presented by the Parents Association.
22. 1. 78 / 2. 2. 78 Ski Group (33) to N. Italy.
26. 1. 78 School visited by Mrs. Grayson 11.11. - to discuss curriculum 11-16.
20. 2. 78 Governors Meeting - Mr. D. Cuddeh. Mr. D. - elected Chairman of Governors.
1. 3. 78 2nd Y. Parents Evening - Discussion re 3rd options etc.
8. 3. 78 2nd Y. Group to Theatre Visit - "Company of Men".
- 9-11/3/78 School Production - "Wizard of Oz" - attended by 700.
15. 3. 78 Concert by Junior Guards Band - .
20. 3. 78 School visited by NUT. NUT/AST sanctions - Discussion 4/11. 11.15/1.15. - included. Sanctions ended on 23/3/78 - Subjects reallocation of Burnham agreements.

- 20.4.78. Parents Association Meeting - "Humanities / English" etc.
17. 5. 78 Staff Social Evening with Governors & Staff of Contributory Primary Schools.
- 23/25. 5. 78 Staff Interviews. - Holywell School, English, Maths, Science, Geography.
19. 6. 78. Y.H.A. Party to N. Wales with Mr. Madenest, Mr. Clog / Mr. Booth.
26. 6. 78 4th Y. Group to Agriculture Centre (Maidenhead) for week course (Mr. Peacock)
3. 7. 78 1st 2nd Y. Party to York - Educational Visit (Sally). Mr. Peacock / Mrs. Taylor.
12. 7. 78 Open Evening - School visited by approx 300 persons.
15. 7. 78 School Summer Fair - Approx £720 raised for Audio-Visual Record.
21. 7. 78 End of Term - Mrs Dempsey left staff.
5. 9. 78 Term started with 248 pupils. HT + 32.8 Staff.
New staff - Mrs Noman, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Clavin, Mr. Pys (O.S.), Mr. Richards
15. 9. 78 Fire Drill completed 1.20 pm.
5. 10. 78 Parents Association A.G.M.

- 11.10.78 School lunches affected by 'Walk-out' of dinner / school meals staff. - Lunches served by H.T & School meals organised - Dispute awaiting further discussion at County level.
- 13.10.78 7 School Windows broken by Vandalism. (Approx damage £260) - Police informed.
- 18.10.78 School Harvest Festival - Food parcels distributed by children to O.A.P's.
- 21.11.78 1st XI Parents Evening - Well attended - Approx 120 persons.
- 29.11.78 'Science Evening' for Parents Association -
- 2.12.78 Berks. U.F.C. Annual Public Speaking Competition held at H.School.
- 5.12.78 Staff discussion re. Berkshire Metropolitan Local Commission.
- 6.12.78 Intra-school Public Speaking Competition.
- 15.12.78 Staff Entertainment "Carol Practice".
- 18.12.78 5th XI entertained Compton O.A.P's.
- 20.12.78 12/5th XI Dinner provided by Parents Association.
- 21.12.78 In Christmas 'presentations' of Carols, Readings, Drama & Mime.
Severe Snow required an early closure of school. End of Term.

- 21.12.78 School Carol tour cancelled because of snow, but staff carolers erected collages by Minibus & raised £36 for the Society for Autistic Children.
- 8.1.79 Heating severely restricted because of non-delivery of oil - due to strikes - burst pipe over school kitchens caused the system to be drained in order to effect repairs & school opened on 10th January. - Staff Meeting called for 10 am.
- 10.1.78 Start of term. - Approx 75% attendance due to Road conditions.
- 19.1.79 A. Liddon appointed Asst. Carolers. as fr. 22.1.79.
School closed at 2.30 pm - Severe Snow.
- 22.1.79 N.U.P.E. - School open for lessons - no school meals.
Strike.
- 23.1.79 Further Severe Snow - Bus children sent home at 10.30 am. Local children at 12.
Due to dangerous road conditions and ice on paths around the school (no salt was available) - combined with a strike which limited Ambulance Services, it was decided to close the school, and re-open on 25th January.
- 25.1.79 1/5th to 2nd - R.A.F. Careers - to Abingdon.
- 1.2.79 School visited by Mr. King - Deputy Inspector re. N.U.P.E. lecture on problems in the kitchen. Advised that he must contact School Meals Organisation (Mrs Lindlow) - Mr King was taken to all parts of the school, and met the Safety Representatives.

- 7.2.79. School visited by 3 H.M.s. - Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. Park & Mr. Woodhead.
Verbal report satisfactory. Recommendation that extra money should be made available for extra books & resources in English & Reinforced Maths.
- 8.2.79. Theatre visit by 27/2 to pupils - "As you like it" -
- 9/10 - 2.79. Maths/Science Block destroyed by fire which started out of control 2.00.
8 P.M. Appliances in attendance - finally recovered safe & sound.
School visited during the weekend by Dr. Ching Ardelt, Ch. of Education Committee and many others. It was agreed at 6pm on 11th February that the work of the school would continue on the 13th.
- 22.2.79. School continued on 13th - arranged timetable - same facilities offered by Shrewsbury & Temple Schools.
- 23.2.79. Parents Association met to discuss in Spring Evening Appeal for books etc.
- 15/16 - 2.79. School closed early because of snow & transport difficulties.
Noth comment on Terrace Buildings - Gurney to be erected.
- 26.2.79. No school work - Mrs. Craddock did not return following 2 term holiday.
- 7.3.79. 2nd P. Parents Evening - Well attended by approx. 100 parents.
- 2.4.79. 6 Terraces taken over by L.R. - Approx work to be completed.
3rd P. Parents Evening.
- 5.4.79. Sports evening with staff of Convent, Primary Schools & Maths Awards.

- 8.5.79. School affected by influenza by action of N.A.S./U.W.T. + N.U.T. . Only 6-8 staff prepared to supervise at this time - 3/4 staff left at the end of the day. -
In the interests of pupils, the educational programme has continued, and minimal limits of supervision exist at this time.
Tenth Term Unit program not during bank-holiday/weekend - School-Sponsored list closed, Police informed.
- 10.5.79. H. St. Parents Evening - attended by approx 80 parents.
- 22.5.79. N.U.T. concert solutions. (N.A.S./U.W.T. also on 23/5/79)
- 24.5.79. Interviews for Humanities + Maths Tests.
Miss Packman appointed as teacher of Remedial Maths, H. St. Tests for Humanities.
- 8.6.79. School visited by party of German children from Hamburg.
- 27.6.79. 1st Trip to London "Melbourne High School Dream".
- 11.7.79. Open Evening + visit by H. St. Parents.
- 14.7.79. Robert Burns Fair - (raised over £200)
- 20.7.79. End of Term.

24. 9. 79 Start of Term. 478 pupils in school. - 11 T. + 35.5 Staff.
Miss Paulman, Mr. Parke & Mrs. Evans (Part-time) joined staff.
5. 9. 79 1st 7th Reading & V.Q. Testing.
7. 9. 79 Fire Drill carried out. (2.10 pm)
12. 10. 79 School Harvest Festival - Gifts sent to club people.
2. 11. 79 Mr. Pichas appointed Assistant caretaker. off 1.1.80
12. 11. 79 Thomas Trollope's Term visit re. 'School Meats & Transport'
29. 11. 79 Special Meeting of Governors re. Lease of P.H. & Staff facilities etc.
10. 12. 79 Meeting of 5th Parents re. Further Education opportunities.
19. 12. 79 5th 7th entertained Compton Senior League to the Primary school invited for dress rehearsal of Karas Show.
21. 12. 79 End of term. - School Productions - Carols - Carol time by Staff raised £90 for the Fund for Action Research for the Crippled Child.

- 8.1.80 Start of Term - Mr. P. H. started as Assistant Director.
- 23.1.80 Discussion with 8 Term parents re. Exam Entries.
- 26.1.80 Departure of Ski party - (30) N. H. H. 22.80
- 1.2.80 J.P. Status - Mrs. Cook - for 20 yrs. retired.
- 29.2.80 Vernon Social - Writing Workshop - artistic school & half sessions with Senior Boys & Girls.
- 20.3.80 School Visited by Mr. Graham Williams - Senior Div. Officers - (Secondary Schools)
- 24.3.80 Lady Society - invited to discuss provisions for less able, and gifted children.
- 26.3.80 School Party visited Island Home Exhibition.
- 27.3.80 Exchange Group departed for France (La Siga)
- 29.3.80 Spring Fair - raised £700 for after bus fund.
- 29.4.80 Parents Association Craft Evening.
- 8.5.80 H. of Parents Learning.

8. 5. 80 H.T. Parents Evening
12. 5. 80 Governors Meeting - H.T. to retire 31. 12. 80.
13. 5. 80. Social Evening - Staff/Primary Staff/Governors.
16. 5. 80. Sports Day.
25. 6. 80 Secondary H.T. & Henderson - Downe School.
15. 7. 80. Interview w/ H.T. - Mr W.D. Wells M.A. appointed. w.a.f. - 1.1.81.
16. 7. 80. Open. Evening
19. 7. 80 Summer Fair - organised by the Parents Association - raised £700.