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The attendance officer has left me the list of Holidays for the current year, viz.,

1.– Feb 17 One day Ash Wed.
2.– April 1st (Noon) to Ap 12 Easter
3.– May Day (May 4) One day May Day
4.– May 13th (One day) Ascension Day
5.– May 21 (3.30pm) – to May 31st – Whitsuntide
6.– (Monday) June 7 Half Hol. C School Festival
7.– Augst 2nd One day Bank Holiday
8.– Harvest Holidays. Four Weeks, according to the time of Harvest
9.– Oct 11th One day. Feast Monday
10.– Dec 23rd at noon – to Jay 10/9 Xmas Holidays

14th I have been obliged to make an official complaint as to the way the Coal contractors are serving us, or, rather, not serving us. We wrote on Jan 4 for the usual supply of coal, but although their waggon was supplying in the village, for three weeks not a bit was brought here, and the children were very cold.

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Feb 14 As this has been going on in previous years, (before the War was thought of,) I considered we were being put on one side, and have written to the Office to that effect.

16 The order is now being completed in triplets.

23 The attendance officer visited.

28 Have now received the Terms examinations

March 5 Have filled up various Forms, viz; No. of children on Reg. & in each class on Jany 20th; and also a Form asking particulars, statistics, relative to Boy Labour on Farms

8 The Rev. E. W. Harrison visited.

10 Sent in, by instruction, the first application for permission to go to farm work of George Warwick, aged 12.

Abstract of Schemes for 1915–1916

Copy — Frank H. Wright
Headteacher. Cert.

St. II. & III.

Reading — The Graphic Historical Readers
" " Geographical Readers
Avon Nature Study Readers
Silent Readers

Recitations — Selections

Writing — Copy Books and Special Bk. B. work

Composition — @ Reproduction of Anecdotes, – of Master's Lessons, especially describing the experiments. – Letters and Notes to the Master, to enable him to compile the "Buzbrooke School Weekly Letter", (which is written up during the week, and circulated on Friday, as it has been for many years)

English — Parsing – Simple Analysis – Punctuation – Correction of Localisms – A few rules of Grammar

Arith. — St. II. – (to be treated as one class) and to work the items of suitable Bills of Purcels, Simp. Proportion, Simp. Vulgar Fractions, Simp. Decs., Simp. Int. & Mensuration, and the elements of the Metric System

Std III. - Knowledge of the Common Weights & Measures, (with Rules) money sums - aliquot parts - introduction to Fractions (Mental Work - In both classes to suit the written work

Drawing :- Memory Work :- Sketching from natural objects pen and ink sketches — a little knowledge of perspective - a little colour work with leaves, twigs, flowers, etc

Music . Voice production - time and tune - to sing a simple passage in Tonic Solfa -syllables from (C) Notation - also to sing National and good songs in unison and a few rounds

Needlework . Knitting socks and stockings - making garments - cutting out - Specimens of Code

Geography :- Europe : to follow up closely the progress of the War . - Australia

History From 1485 to the present time, particularly the History leading up to the present War

Hygiene Personal and household

Physical Drill Selected from the official Manual

El. Science - Light - Sound - Heat - Simple Mechanics - Gases - Exp^ts with Simp: Appl^s. - Animal Life - Plant life.

Wireless Work. - Children to know the Morse Code, and to practice by means of a buzzing-bell, and also at the School Aerial and Wireless Apparatus (Sic?)

General Information } - To have lessons and talks on various current topics of the day — to understand the use of a few scientific apparatus, etc.

Scheme of Work (continued)

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Martha Lane : Supp.

Standard III

Reading: - To read the Graphic Historical - the Graphic Geographical - two or three of Bright Scm Readers.

Writing - Words from special lessons on the Blackboard.

Arithmetic - To know the four Compound Rules. Small problems to suit the Rules. Preparatory work to Std. IV.

Mental: - Work to suit the written work.

English - To understand the two chief parts of a sentence, and how a simple sentence may be enlarged by modifications or qualifications. To have knowledge of simple punctuation Lessons on the Possessive Case. The whole to lead to correct speaking.

Recitations: - With knowledge of meanings and illusions.

Object Lessons - On various Nature Studies - Natural Phenomena - Manufactures - Observational

and general Knowledge.

Physical Exercises - To adhere as far as possible to the Syllabus laid down in Physical Exercises Official Manual as trunk-bending - deep breathing etc.

Music - To sing at sight a series of notes in the Key of C, containing an F♯ contradicted by F♮.
Exercises in Time - Tune - a little Ear Training - Songs and Rounds.

History - Period - From the time of Thomas à Becket to Wolfe.

Geography - Knowledge of the village - of the Midlands with Northampton as a centre - a general Knowledge of England.

Drawing - To be able to draw simple objects - to encourage memory drawing - leaves - twigs - buds etc - Brushwork.

Needlework - Knitting socks - Specimens - Garments - A little cutting out.

Scheme of Work (Continued)

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Standards I + II. Elsie Tustain: Uncert^d

Reading To read (1) Palmerston Readers.
" " (2) Historical Readers.
" " (3) Geographical Readers.
" " (4) Bright Story Readers.

Writing Transcription from Reading Books.
Dictation taken " " "
Copy Writing from Blackboard.

Composition To make short sentences.
Give description of pantomime actions arranged by teacher.

Arithmetic Std. I. First four rules. Scheme B.
Std. II. Very simple sums in the first four rules of money. Scheme B.
Mental to suit above.

History To understand the chief facts of about 20 arranged stories from English History.

Geography To understand a plan – map – chief points of a compass – Buglrooke – chief definitions – shape and

motions of the earth – people of other lands – some wonders of foreign lands, e.g. volcano etc.

Grammar (English) Recitations. To carry verbal messages – correct localisms – to know the noun and the verb – Formations of plurals; the use of capital letters etc.
Language training (Dramatic).

Observation Lessons in Nature Study.
Manufactured articles – Observational and natural phenomena with experiments of a simple character.

Music The Staff Notation – Time tests – Easy time and tune – Songs – Note value. Ear tests with three consecutive notes.

Physical Exercises Suitable for the standard taken from the official manual.

Needlework. Knitting and sewing – making simple garments – cutting out squares oblongs etc, and pleating in paper.

Scheme of Work for Infants 1915-16

1st Class

Reading	The Palmerston 1st Reader. Stories & Fables six books.
W Building	From Reading Lesson & from B B.
Writing	Sentence making. Transcription.
Arithmetic	Number to 30 Add & Subtract to 20.
Recitation	12 to be taught during the year.
Object Lesson	24 to be given during the year also Conversational Lessons
Music	Old Notation, Word Reac, 12 Songs
Drawing	Outline of common objects. Flowers etc.
Drill	Simple Exercises, Breathing Exercises.
Needlework	Hemming and knitting.
Varied Occ	Clay Modelling, Paper Modelling, Kg Gyfts

2nd Class

Reading	Palmerston Primer I and II
Writing	Capital & small letters. Word Building from B B.
Arith	Teaching of Number to 10
Recitation	Taken with Class I
Object Lesson	" " " "
Singing & Drill	" " " "
Varied Occ	Block Parquetry, Clay Modelling Brick Building

3rd Class

Reading	Form of letters on board & Clay

Writing — Formation of letters in sand and clay

Arith — Counting to 10

Varied Occ — K. G. Games, Bead threading, Wool sorting, Brick building, Block Parquetry.

Abstract of Schemes for next Year

Probable Disposition of Classes

To after April 1st 1915

Upper:	1st Class Stds II, I, V	: 60 :	Frank H. Wright, Cert:
	2nd Class Stds. III	: 29 :	Martha Lake, Supplem:
	3rd Class Stds I & II	: 39 :	Elsie Sustain, Uncertificated
Infants:	1st Class	: 14 :	Alice E. Wright, Certificated
	2nd Class	: 20 :	Do Do
	3rd Class (Babies)	: 18 :	Kathleen Wright Supplem:
	Total	170	

Note: The First Class Stds. II, I, V commences on April 1st with high numbers, but is reduced during the year by 30%.

The Infant Class begins on Ap. I with smaller numbers, but rapidly increases as the warmer weather sets in.

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March 19 (Friday) Miss Lottie Ratledge, P.T., was absent all day, it being Speech Day at Northampton.

25 Wm. S. Painter, A.O., called

26 (Friday) Miss Ratledge absent at Preliminary examination

29 Wm. Painter called. Left Duplicate Registers. The Quarter's Returns, ending March 26, finished to-day. I sent in the Requisition Forms (with the Schemes of Instruction) on Saturday last, March 27th.

March 30th Examined Registers & found quite correct Charles Lovell

31st Closed School this afternoon (3.40 pm) for the usual Easter Vacation

April 12 Re-opened School. Find that a Measles epidemic is commencing. - Had a letter from the Ed. Office informing me that Frederick Chapman was to come here for a fortnight to teach.... He has been to school at the Nth County School, & commences on Tuesday Ap 13

19th April 14 In consequence of the spread of Measles I have written to Dr. Percival, M.O. of Health, and to the Sect. C. Council.

14 Dr. P. White visited in the A.M. — Dr. Percival also called.

19 Attendance officer visited. As the attendance had now fallen to 71% he instructed me to communicate with the authorities with a view to the closing of the schools... — I subsequently wrote to the Sect. Education, Dr. Percival, the Rev. S. W. Harrison, and Dr. White. — I also sent in F.S.A 25, and S.A. 11(a) to the attendance officer.

April 20th. Examined the registers and found them quite correct.

Ernest W. Harrison.

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Ap 21 Received directions from Dr. H. Percival (M.O.H) not to close the school at present.

" 24 (Monday) Received directions from D-H. Percival (M.O.H) to close school at once "at the least for three weeks". Have reported the outcome to the Secy Ed. Comttee, in addition to giving the required statistics (Letter 15/La/32)

May 31st School re-opened under medical authority. It has been closed four weeks + Whit week.

Fred Chapman had the opportunity to finish his fortnight's engagement here as P.T. finishing on Ap ~~27~~ 23 (Friday)

June 7 (Monday) June Holiday. — We have received official intimation of the death of Lt. James Barnes - (an old scholar) who was killed in action at Ypres on May 24

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June 14 Wm Pauker called, and spoke to several children about their attendance

21 The weather is very hot. Gave the usual annual Nature Note on the Shadow of the pole on the playground

25 Wm Pauker visited

July 7 In response to Circular 471, I gave a special lesson to Stds III. VI on the Fly Pest. — Have filled up and returned S.M.-11, — relative to the No. of children in each class, the teachers, &c.

14 Wm Pauker visited

14 Lottie Ratledge (P.T) absent at an Examination

19 Do Do

Have been examining the children for the term ending in July. The several weeks' closure has naturally affected the work.

July 22nd Examined his registers & found them quite correct. Ernest W. Harmer.

24 Lottie Ratledge absent with Manager's leave at High School Sports

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July 31st I understand that as from August 1st Fredk. Chapman will attend these Schools as P.T.

Aug 2nd (Monday) Bank Holiday. School closed

9th Fredk. Chapman officially commenced duties to-day (Monday) ... Board meeting to decide upon the Holidays.

10 The Harvest Holidays are to commence as from Friday, Augst. 20th., the recent wet weather having "backwarded" what would otherwise have been an early harvest.

12 Miss Tustain (St 1 & II) is too ill to come to school to-day (only)

14 (Monday). – Miss Lane has leave of absence this morning

20 Closed school to-day for the usual four weeks of Harvest Holidays.

Sept 20 Re-opened School.

21 Mr. Parker (A.O.) visited

27 Examined the registers & found them quite correct.

Oct 1 Wrote to Mr. Lewin about the Heating Apparatus

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Oct-4 W. Parker visited in the p.m.

5 By instructions from the Rev E. W. Harris I have answered a letter from the Sec'y Education, stating that the Heating Apparatus was out of order, and required the attention of a mechanic.

11 (Monday) . Feast: School closed to-day.

19 W. Parker visited

24 Home sent in the Requisition Forms

Nov 2 Miss Lane has leave of absence to day. Men have been lately engaged in repairing the heating apparatus.

10th W. Mullican, M. D., visited to-day

--- The attendance officer also called in accordance with the instructions of the Recruiting Committee, (who have appointed me Secretary) - I have written to the Sec'y C.C. asking permission to be absent from School from 11 o'clock a.m., to enable me to represent at the Surgery to take the attestations of Recruits, &c...

12 Received card from C. C. office, acknowledging receipt of application (as above).

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Nov 15th Medical Inspection this afternoon at 2.15 p.m lasting half an hour. Three cases presented. by Miss M. J. Keers. M.B. Ch. B.-

22 W. Parker, attendance officer, visited

23 During the afternoons of this week, all the elder girls of 11 and over are having cooking demonstrations (by W. Wright) in the Infant School. This necessitates for the time being a change of classes. Infts I & 2 are in Std. I room, Stds II are in St III room, and St III are with me in the upper room. I shall keep to the T. T as far as circumstances permit.

Dec 2nd W. Elliott, C.C.I., visited the Schools to-day, and inspected the Cookery Class at work.

8th W. Parker (Attendance Officer) visited.- Lottie Jean D. Bakker, aged 9, who became a scholar here last Xmas, has left today. She has become quite an apt little scholar.- Her parents (from Amherst) have found work at Letchworth.

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(Friday afternoon) Dec 10th. . As Secretary of the Recruiting (Enrolment) Committee I was detained at the Station all the afternoon. . . The work of the present week is a great strain, and I am at work almost every night till midnight. . . . . .

Dec 13th (Monday) The Rev F W Harrison and D White have urged me to remain out of school this afternoon for recuperation I have prepared all the work for the time being.

11. W. Parker visited

23 Closed School at Noon for the usual fortnight Xmas vacation

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Jany 10th. Re-opened School. I have written to W S Smith, coal contractor, Weedon, informing him that our order for coke and coals dated Dec 22 had received no attention, and that, if frost set in, I would not hold myself responsible further, that the order for Tons, given on Nov 25,

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had never been completed. The Weedon contractors have given me a very great deal of extra trouble long before the War to get the supplies delivered.

Jany 12 As the Contractor has taken no notice whatever of my application, I have written the facts to Rev E.W. Harrison, (Chairman of the Local Managers Subcomm.) the Rector kindly sent us a stock of coke, and also half a ton of coals from W. Barnard and reported the matter to the Secretary for Education.

Examined the registers & found them quite correct.

Ernest W. Harrison.

Jany 17 Wm Parker, C.C. Surveyor & Builder, visited this morning at 11.15 am to examine the Offices, etc..... Wm Parker, attendance officer, visited at 1.30 this afternoon, and spoke to several children about their attendance.

27 Miss Tustain absent this P.M. ill.