

Can you guess the teacher ...?

Barham Children have given the grown-ups in school some questions to answer about their childhood.
Can you guess who this is?

What is your earliest memory?

My earliest memory is being in the reception class and playing in the little house that was set up.

Were you naughty when you were younger?

Not naughty, but I did talk too much in class and often got fits of giggles! My brother was the year above me, and *he* was the naughty one! In those days if you were very naughty you would be sent to the Head Teacher's office, where you could get 'the slipper'...I never did.



What was the best thing about school? My primary school had a swimming pool which I loved because I was part of the swimming team. I also enjoyed being with my school friends- some of which are still my friends now and it has been over 40 years! My school used to put on brilliant pantomimes and big summer fetes. We went on great residential trips. I was also part of the

country dancing club and once performed at The Royal Albert Hall in London. We occasionally got to watch programmes on the TV, which was always a highlight, and the television was wheeled out on a trolley! No internet or interactive white boards in those days. My house was at the bottom of a hill and I used to love running home from school every day.

What was the worst thing about school?

We had to write with ink fountain pens which always leaked and do lots of handwriting practice. We used blotting paper to stop the ink smudging.

Were you ever told off?

Sometimes, for being a chatterbox!

Who was your best friend at school?

A girl called Tracey was my best friend at primary school. She lived around the corner from me and when we started secondary school together, we rode our bikes to school. We are still friends now. My next-door neighbours were also good friends. All the children that lived near me all went to the same schools, so we used to play altogether outside of school too.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

I always wanted to be a teacher! I used to play 'schools' all the time!

What was your favourite food?

Fish and chips. I also used to like gypsy tart at school too (I don't like it now though!)

Did you like school dinners?

Yes! Except for a strawberry blancmange dessert that I really didn't like.

Did you like your teachers?

Yes! One of my favourite teachers used to play the guitar and sing songs with us every day.

What were you frightened of when you were a child?

The dark.

What colour was your school uniform?

Blue.

What was your favourite subject?

PE, reading and writing. I used to write stories all the time at home. I got into reading after discovering the series 'The Faraway Tree' by Enid Blyton.

Did you always do your homework? Yes!

What was your favourite animal?

Dogs and horses. I loved horse riding and used to walk everyone's dogs. My first job was as a dog walker when I was 10 years old!



Gypsy Tart

