

Barham Church of England Primary School

Guess the Teacher!



What is your earliest memory? I remember picking a red deadnettle flower for my Mum and an ant ran up my hand. I shrieked and dropped the flower. It was years until I could pick a red deadnettle flower again!



Were you naughty when you were younger? Of course! I'm not an angel. I remember my Dad chasing me and my sister up the stairs waving his slipper at us!

What was the best thing about school? Learning. I just loved learning about things. I still do.

What was the worst thing about school? It would have to be certain school dinners – see below!



Were you ever told off? Yes - mainly for talking when I was supposed to be listening or working. I was never bad enough to receive the ruler or the cane though.

Who was your best friend at school? At Junior school it was Susan Burgess, until she left.

What did you want to be when you grew up? I only really knew that I wanted to go to University to study and get a degree in Biology. Other than that, I didn't really have any particular career or job plan.

What was your favourite food? Lamb is my favourite roasted meat and I still love apple and cheese, which was one of the only school dinner puddings I liked.

Did you like school dinners? No! I never finished my dinners. Once when the teacher spoke to my mum about it after school, they told me to think about the starving children in Africa. Innocently, I just asked why they couldn't put my dinner in a brown paper bag and send it to them to eat... I hated most school dinners, especially the plate full of semolina with a blob of red jam in the middle. Yuck! The very thought still makes me shudder.



Did you like your teachers? Yes, I loved my Junior school teachers, Miss Bull, who was very strict, and Mr Ashton who made us laugh.



What were you frightened of when you were a child? I remember hiding behind the sofa when the Daleks came on the TV.

What colour was your school uniform? We didn't have one.

What was your favourite subject? Biology. It still is, from genetics through to ecology.

Did you always do your homework? Absolutely, yes.

What was your favourite animal? I loved our family pet dog which was a black standard poodle named Simba. Not unusually for poodles, he went blind, which meant we couldn't rearrange the furniture, otherwise he would bump into it. Being blind didn't stop him running off down the road whenever he could though!

