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Headteacher's log

Monday 25

Our vigilant Police Sergeant Lewis detected dachshund hairs on our school gatepost yesterday. Today school was suspended while all the children, with their parents, were interviewed by the sergeant, five constables and a very sharp senior officer, Chief Inspector Gorse. They are looking for a man in lederhosen, with cropped hair, *Baedeker* guide book, Lieberman and Gortz binoculars, carrying a Leica camera, smoking a meerschaum and walking a dachshund. They think he might be a German spy.

Tuesday 26

News arrived today that the National Guidelines for RE now include the interpretation of the Old Testament set out in the sensational film *The Lammermann Code*. According to this 'the high places', which Hebrew kings are recorded as either allowing (Rehoboam, Manasseh) or destroying (Hezekiah, Josiah), were masts on hilltops. Thus, Israel's history until the Babylonian Exile was a struggle for total economic control by a mobile phone company. Also, the KS2 Geography orders have had to be adapted because of changing export-import patterns. For example, all old-fashioned humbug in Britain now comes from Australia.

Wednesday 27

Hi there! Melinda Cartwright here!! Covering for Len (the Head) and Vicki (Oakenstaff) who are taking time out today for interactive networking with other school leaders for blue sky thinking about skill-honing for leading edge spearheading of dynamic change! So I'm filling in the log today!!!! They asked me, so I said 'No problem!', so they said 'Thank you!' and I said 'You're welcome! Have a nice day!!!' Nothing out of the ordinary to

report!!!! Behaviour's been satisfactory!!!! Good work observed in all classrooms!!! School meals arrived on time!!! Children queued quietly!!!! Several constructive conversations with parents!!!! No interruptions to routines!!!! Pretty boring really!!!!!! No problem!!!!!! Have a nice day!!!

Thursday 28

There is another strike of schoolchildren, and 97 of our 120 children did not appear this morning. The whole village is affected by the strikes of farm, transport and post office workers. Even the two curates are on strike. This unrest has been going on throughout the summer, with violence only subdued by the deadly heat wave in August. The country seems on the verge of collapse. Funny, this was not mentioned in yesterday's *INSET*. The only interesting thing was a long-lense photo of the education correspondent of the *Daily Wail*. The five Y6 children here today sat the KS2 Citizenship practice test. Things will be different tomorrow.

Friday 29

Assembly was the strike-breaker. Our Rector took it as usual, but with musical backup. Texas Community Church is on a ten-day mission to Eurasia and the British Empire. TCC's music group 'Love Feast' played and sang their own weapons-grade Gospel music. The hall was packed, and the windows shook. The Canon read Judges 3:12-30, Ehud's assassination of King Eglon, and spoke movingly on our duty to obey those in authority over us. Then the bulk of Y6 filed out to sit the Citizenship practice test. They'll do well, cognitive dissonance permitting.

■ Leonard Bookman

Actually, Headmaster, Jeavons really is a model citizen. He buys all his own ammunition and everything.

