


## A History of the Infant School through its Headteachers

Headteacher	Date	Events
Emma Dowsland	17/10/1887  1889	The school was opened owing to the “overcrowded state of Central Infant School”. Inspector’s Report: “The school is an excellent one in spite of the very inconvenient and unsatisfactory premises.”
Julia Pritchard  	5/1/1891 6/2/1901  13/1/1911 17/12/1914 29/1/1917 11/11/1918  8/4/1921	New Headmistress began duties School closed to enable children to hear the proclamation of the accession of King Edward VII School closed for four weeks due to increasing number of epidemics of measles and diphtheria. George Barnes a pupil at the school was killed in the bombardment The Yorkshire Penny Bank savings scheme was begun “In commemoration of the cessation of hostilities” the school was closed for the afternoon The whole school was to view the eclipse of the sun “through smoked glass” Throughout these years the school was closed at regular intervals owing to outbreaks of diphtheria and measles. These diseases often led to several deaths amongst the children hence the need to close the school. Other reasons included “extension of the season”, Empire Day and Trafalgar Day
Elizabeth Tibbett	4/9/1922 26/4/1923  2/2/1931 25/10/1933 6/5/1935  28/1/1936 11/5/1937	New headmistress began duties School closed for the wedding of H.R.H. Duke of York to Elizabeth (The Queen Mother) School closed owing to an outbreak of diphtheria Immunisation against diphtheria began (Schick Test) Holiday to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V Funeral of George V -school closed Celebrations were held for the coronation of George VI






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Emily Brown	10/01/1938 22/07/1938	
Mabel White	29/8/1938 27/7/1939 3/8/1939 31/8/1939 1/9/1939  9/10/1939 25/4/1941 22/6/1943 19/6/1944  4/9/1944 8/5/1945 4/9/1945  20/11/1947  21/5/1953  28/7/1955	<p>Transferred from Falsgrave Infant School following its closure, to become Head at Gladstone Road</p> <p>Two teachers attending A.R.P. (Air Raid Precaution) lectures</p> <p>Gas masks are distributed and fitted at school</p> <p>School closed until October 9th for National Emergency</p> <p>75 children, 6 teachers and 17 voluntary helpers were evacuated to Scarborough from Sidmouth Street Demonstration School in Hull. They were billeted with neighbouring families. Roll call was taken in the school hall morning and afternoon. 32 evacuees arrive from Lynnfield Infant School, West Hartlepool</p> <p>War weapons week-school closed for the day</p> <p>Wings for Victory Week</p> <p>Visit of the Princess Royal</p> <p>Arrival of 32 children and their teacher from London</p> <p>Closed for two days VE day celebrations</p> <p>School closed VJ celebrations</p> <p><i>Throughout the war years there were several days given to A.R.P practice and victory campaigns. Although much mention is given to the arrival of evacuees, nothing is said of their departure!</i></p> <p>Holiday for the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth</p> <p>Scarborough Council presents each child with a Coronation beaker</p> <p>Retirement of Mabel White</p>
Miss E.A. Fisk	13/9/1955	Headmistress until December 1956
Winifred Lee	7/1/1957 6/5/1960 8/6/1961 25/5/1966 16/10/1970 20/11/1972	<p>Head until 1972</p> <p>A day's holiday - wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret</p> <p>School closed for the wedding of Duke of Kent</p> <p>Half day holiday for the Millennium Procession</p> <p>School closed owing to Caretakers' Strike</p> <p>One day holiday-the Queen's Silver Wedding</p>



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<p>Kathleen Feather</p> 	<p>4/1973 31/1/1974</p>	<p>Head teacher until April 1974 School evacuated for 15 minutes owing to a bomb scare. Police found it to be a false alarm</p>
<p>Daphne Markham later Haythorpe</p> 	<p>4/1974 10/9/1974  1974 4/1975  2/7/1975  26/9/1975  16/1/1976 14/10/1976  23/5/1977  6/7/1977  23/5/1978 21/12/1982</p>	<p>Head teacher until December 1982 School reopened with a new indoor toilet block installed Outside toilets were demolished The temporary classroom (mobile) put into use 'Temporary' meaning 23 years in this case! School opened at 10am so that children could attend the visit of the Queen to Scarborough Wall mosaic constructed on exterior wall. This is now incorporated inside the school building. The designers were Mr and Mrs Nolan and students from the Technical College A second mobile classroom was put into use A lion cub from the zoo was the "guest" in assembly Children from three classes visited Boots to see the crown jewels on loan from Castle Howard A group of children were invited to a Spa concert by Max Jaffa First school visit to Whitby Retirement of Daphne Haythorpe</p>
<p>Shirley Redpath later Gorton</p> 	<p>1/5/1983 12/3/1984 21/3/1984 16/7/1986  23/7/1986  31/8/1989</p>	<p>New Headteacher begins her duties Four trees planted in the playground First school computer delivered Last of the annual visits of the recorder players to the Spa. Max Jaffa retires The school watched the Royal Wedding of Prince Andrew on T.V. A gift of a pencil and an ice cream from Alonzes for every child in the school Shirley Gorton retires from her post as Headteacher</p>

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Shirley Fretwell 	5/9/1989 6/10/1989 9/10/1989 13/10/1989 13-15/3/90 6/4/90	Acting Headteacher Gladstone Road Schools Centenary Celebrations - Balloon release Children's sponsored walk around the school Centenary long distance walk with a team of adults from the Junior and Infant School led by Mr Grimwood Centenary musical dramatic review at the Stephen Joseph Theatre with the Juniors End of first session as Acting Headteacher
Lorna Bloom 	23/4/1990 14/1/1991 11/3/1992 1992	New Headteacher Friends of Gladstone Road Infants begun Disbanded owing to lack of support Building of the new classroom begins under the "shed"
Shirley Fretwell 	9/1992 1/10/92 23/10/92 8/6/93 21/7/95	Acting Head for a second time owing to the serious illness of Lorna Bloom Presentation of the first Tesco computer The new classroom is opened by Canon Keys Fraser Lorna Bloom died following her serious illness Shirley Fretwell retires
Elaine Hinchliffe 	4/9/95 19/9/95 6/11/95 1/1998 3/9/98 5-8/10/98 23/10/98 12/1999	New Headteacher The Home School Association is begun First OFSTED Inspection Building work begins on the classroom block Year 2 classes begin the new term in the new building Second OFSTED Inspection The new school building is officially opened by Shirley Fretwell. The Town Crier and many officials are present And so into the next century and millennium