

## The Kitchen and the Food

*Food was scarce and the quality wasn't very good. School dinners consisted of meat, usually fatty and gristly, mashed potatoes with lumps in them, greens, which we called 'yellows' and for 'afters' (dessert) some steamed pudding called "spotted dick" made in a metal cylinder with custard. Dinner ladies were not pleasant and they dumped the meals onto our plates. I was a slow eater and was put on the slow-eaters' table. We had free milk in the mornings, in little bottles. If you were lucky there was a bit of cream on top. We were also fed with powdered egg, orange juice, malt and castor oil.*

Keith Fielder. Pupil 1945-52.

### **Kitchen in the playground?**

Officials from the office and the meals service come to the school to discuss the re-siting of the kitchens. They suggested a hut built on the boys playground. The head did not like this idea. A suggestion was made about building it on a flat roof – thus not taking of the boys' playing space. The entire school were at this time taking their lunches in the Infants (bottom) hall

Infant Log Book 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 1943.

### **Infant Head not pleased about the kitchen**

HMI visited to inform the head teacher that he had passed the plan for the kitchen that the head had thought to be a silly one "in spite of [her] strong objection to the interference and inconvenience this arrangement will cause the school.

Infant Log Book 1944 July 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **3 heads unite on the kitchen**

When a divisional officer arrived to discuss plans about the new 'kitchen on the Junior Boys' playground' all three head teachers suggested that "the flat roof option would be a more convenient site".

Infant Log Book Nov 1944.

### **Assent for the Heads' kitchen**

The combined forces of the 3 heads ensured that today assent was given for the construction of the kitchen on top of the flat roof " with service lifts outside and to halls.

Infant Log Book 1945 March.



The Kitchens as they are today