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Dear Dad,

I have not had time to write to you before because I come from school so late and then I have lots of homework. This is what we do at school. We go into class at 8 o'clock and unpack. At five past 8 we go to prayers until half past. Then we have three periods, and at 10.45 we have a tea break, until 11.00 then 3 more periods. At 12.45 we have lunch till 2.00, then one more period and twice a week we have two periods instead of one. These are all the subjects I do.

English

Afrikaans

Latin

French

Science

History

Geog.

Maths

Arith.

Needlework

Art.

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Latin is terrible, I hate it. Our latin teacher talks in a latin accent and has got very funny red hair. I hate here! French is much easier, but our Form mistress, who takes us, is horrible. She says she cant read my writing and I must write normally. The only thing about French is the masculine or feminine.

I take extra art and I love it. Its terrific!!! We do games every day from 2.45 - 3.45 and ~~then~~ then go home. When I get home I do homework usually until supper, but sometimes not, after that sometimes I swim and sometimes I don't do anything.

I bath <sup>both</sup> the dogs every Saturday, do

you think that is to often to bath dogs?  
I also flea-powder them every day if I  
have time.

We have gym every Thursday and  
I Love Love love Love it!!!!!! Gym and  
art are my best things at school, I Love  
them. We have got wall bars, a box, a  
horse, and many other things except parallel  
bars.

Nothing else to say and time to  
practice! So'bye for this week,  
Tons and Millions and Thousands

of Love,!!!

From Your truly  
and really loving, kissing,  
hugging, daughter and  
child Francie Francie

I am P.S.  
stretching  
it out so  
I will only  
be finished  
when the  
record is 2  
will hear the  
end before I  
have to practice.

Francie. 0000 xxxx:

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Dear Dad,

sorry I haven't  
written for so long, but you  
know how I hate writing letters

Remember the experiment  
you asked me to do. Well I  
did it and it held 1 lb 13 ozs.  
and the sticky tape very  
loose first taking a small  
amount of paper with it.

School gets worse  
by the day and homework  
get more by the hour. Only  
only another 4 weeks to  
~~wait~~ until the holidays.  
Next week Milton,  
Eric, Lesly and myself are

going on the fifty mile  
walk and during these  
holidays we may go camp-  
ing to the west dam.

Its amazing <sup>the speed</sup> with which  
Keith's train has grown from  
a small oval to a large  
layout with automatic signals  
about 10 points and bridges  
and tunnels but we have  
only almost finished raising  
certain parts of the track  
and have not started  
on the scenery.

Its so hot here  
you can hardly breathe  
but the swimming pool  
is clean although its  
almost the end of summer  
I suppose you  
know that I am taking

karate and you asked whether I can staff at any time. The only thing you have to sign is saying that karate won't be used except in dire self defence. I think that is to staff people practising on their brothers and sisters.

We got our cycle cards on Friday and I came 11th. Considering that I was absent for two tests it was quite good.

Two weeks ago Ralph, Milton and me went by train to Witpoortje for the day.  
Sts. of Sane  
Patrick

Op. 27/3/04

Dear Dad,

I know what you think this first line should be so I won't write it. You know I was so looking forward to having my own room and now I have to wait even longer because Amy is coming to stay. Science at school is so difficult and our teacher won't explain anything. We did a thing today to measure an irregular piece of card and I didn't know what was going on so I asked the teacher and she said she'd told us enough and she wouldn't tell me.

I love school except for our french teacher. Today I asked if I could try for the tennis team so hold thumbs that I will get into it.



There's a girl in form 2 who is S.A junior gym. champion. Her name is Robyn Allen. I might take guitar lessons and I have bought Pat's old guitar. I want to learn to play



folk songs and so I can sing while I play. I am aiming to grow my hair do you think

I should? Can you remember what I looked like with long hair? I send a picture of me taken on Holiday with Ely. Can you see those strings hanground us? They were to keep our knives on.

I am going to stay with the Schiffs over the easter week-end. We get out at 1 o'clock on Thursday because it is our half term holiday. We break up on the 23 April but Keith breaks up on Thursday.

Love by the million million

From Yours Faithful, True,

Everlasting,

Frances Frances.





Examined  
9/2/22

Dear Daddy,

I am staying at Lesly and Ivan until you come back, It is nice here.

We are having a fête at our school and theres a competition to see wich class has brought the most groceries, handkies, pencils, ~~smen~~ ornaments, etc. for the fish pond, and our class has brought "10" things.

I've given-up dancing, I hope you dont mind.

I'm partners in charms with two girls that I know and altogether we must have about 300 charms. I musn't stay any longer, and...  
Oh! dont forget if you see mom send her my regards.  
lots of love Frances. xxxxxxxxooooo

Thursday  
30 April.

9:15

Darling Dad,

You know, there is such a little to write about I just don't know what to say.

On Monday I am going to tennis coaching with Mr. Hiscox at Ellis Park until Friday.

It is a special one for 3 term schools but it is not the whole day only 9 - 12 o'clock. I am looking forward to it.



Dad, you know that book "cheaper by the dozen." Well did you know there was another book about the same people called "bells on their toes." I have had bequeathed or bespoke or something like that for me at the library.

The Haywards have just

Sunday

3 May

bought a new house at the very end of Frances Str., You know next to the Bowling Club. It is a lovely old rambling house with an enormous garden. In the garden there are all sorts of exotic plants and many different varieties of cacti. They've got a ping-pong table and we play often -

Thursday

7 May.

This letter is taking a very long time but I just never settled down to it. I much prefer it when you write me a letter and not a post-card. I don't know why but it seems much more personal. By today as you will see I am already nearly finished tennis. There wasn't tennis today because

it was a Public Holiday, but tomorrow it is going to be for the whole day.

Pepe looks a ~~p~~ bit sick so we gave him a bit of medicine for worms because that's what we think it may be.

Listen, dad, I'll write again soon but I'm tired now and everything like that. So goodbye,


Oodles of love

Frances.



P.S. I saw "oodles of love" in a book and I thought it was nice.

15th May  
Friday.

Dear Dad, 

I received your letter yesterday. It was rather crazy but very nice all the same. At tennis last week we had competitions on Friday. One competition was Hit and Run. The machine was on fast and you had to hit a forehand and run up and volley. If you missed you were out, and the last one in was the winner. Eventually there was just me and another boy left and I went and hit my forearm into the net. Champ eh?

Life is boring but I'm not looking forward to going back to school. The dogs have both got collars and leashes. Myama's is blue, the collar and the leash. The collar looks like this.



top view.

Not a very good drawing but still.  
Pepe's is just plain leather coloured  
so I needn't draw it. Here is a picture  
of me taking them.., at least them  
taking me, for a walk.



Not very good. I have no more news  
So keep well, Tons, (not Oodles)  
of Love  
Frances.

P.S. (Get the Message)?

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