

Manners

If you think these boys sound like some that you know this could be a coincidence – but perhaps it isn't!

Scott Rill, Ben King and Kenny Spanners
Were three young men, who lacked in manners.
They treated school as quite a laugh
Barely listened to teaching staff.
(Who by the way really did despair
Hence had prematurely greying hair.)

One day, when arriving as normal at school,
Not surprisingly, playing the fool.
They thought, 'what fun to be last into class',
So when the bell went let all others pass.
Then stayed in the cloakrooms, the mischievous bunch
Lingered a while, eating someone's packed lunch.

Ten minutes later they thought they would stroll
Back into class, (still chewing cheese roll!)
They went self assuredly in with a swagger,
But the sight that they saw nearly caused them to stagger.
The classroom was empty, noone was there,
No children to giggle, no teacher to stare.

What should they do, where should they go?
Where was their class? They'd all like to know.
Scott, Ben and Kenny turned round and saw,
To their shock, the head teacher just there by the door.
Suddenly, feeling far less than most bold,
They tried their best to look as good as gold.

"Deliberately late, you know the rules.
Even though you act like fools.
It's far too late to look contrite
Just because you've had a fright.
If you had come in, on time, looking neat
Like your classmates, you'd be enjoying a treat.

Your class have all gone, with of course your fine teacher
Into the hall for a special feature.
Some famous celebrities are with us today
T.V. cameras are filming their stay.
Everything has now already begun
It's too late for you to join in the fun".

"Never mind," said the head, with a smile on his face.
"I'm sure that for you, I can find a good place
For the day to be spent in a hardworking way,
You can work in Year One, just for today.
I feel sure you'll fit in wonderfully well,
Learning to count, to read and to spell."

He wouldn't listen to the three boys' pleading
That they would rather be in the library, reading.
He led them down to the class of Year One
With plenty of work that had to be done.
As they each sat down on a very small chair
He heard them mutter that it just wasn't fair!

It sounds fair to me – all actions have consequences. I wonder if these three boys learned anything that day!

