

# Nostalgic reunion for class of yesteryear

# WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

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**CALLING the classes of 1907 to 1947 at Walbottle Council School, Newcastle — it's time for a spot of history.**

Pupils and staff from that period will be reminiscing about the past at a reunion next month.

It has been organised in the school — now known as Walbottle Village First — by Mrs. Laura Walton, who was there from 1935 to 45 as was her mother before her and her own two children.

She has come into contact with many relatives of former pupils since her schooldays.

## Requests

First she was a secretary in the public health department at Newburn UDC. Then she had a dual appointment as secretary to her old school, known then as Walbottle Primary, and Throckley Infants from 1958 to 1972. She has been secretary at Throckley First School since then.

She decided to arrange the October 19 reunion after requests from people connected with the school in the past.

She chose the 1907 to 1947 period so there would not be too wide an age range between those who turn up.

"The majority in this age group are retired or nearing retirement and I felt it would be good to see each other," she said.

The reunion is open to male and female ex-pupils and teaching and non-teaching staff and will be from 7 p.m.

Mrs. Walton, whose name as a schoolgirl was Snaith, needs to know in advance how many are coming for the catering and seating arrangements.

She would also like anyone with old photographs connected with the school to contact her so she can get them reproduced for a display.

She can be contacted by writing to 4, Horncliffe Place, Bank Top, Throckley, Newcastle, or by telephoning 677170 in the evenings.



Former pupils of Walbottle Council School pictured at an Empire Day celebration in 1937. Mrs. Laura Walton, who is organising a reunion at the school, is on the right. The children were dressed to represent different countries and she represented Greenland.