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### ***Cover story***

If I were to make a list of Universal Banes of teachers' lives, this is what it would look like:

Cover lessons

Doing an assembly

Report writing

Marking anything anywhere at anytime for any reason at all ever

Being a marker for cross country

Serving tea at Open Evening

Open Day (with charity collection) – giving the children a legitimate excuse to piss you off, make fun of you, humiliate you, cover you in baked beans, and then charge you for the privilege

Parents who are teachers

Parents who don't come to parents' evenings

Parents who come to parents' evenings

Younger headteachers

Older Foreign Language Assistants

When the chalk disappears (pre circa 1970)

When the Banda fluid runs out (pre circa 1980)

When the Gestetner thingy gets wrapped around the drum (pre circa 1990)

When the floppy disk is corrupted (pre circa 2000)

When the interactive whiteboard pens mysteriously disappear (21st century)

When the chalk runs out (2020)