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Wednesday 21st October

Mrs. Helen Jackson

Dear Parents and Carers

You will hopefully have seen the letter that I have sent out to all parents and carers about Mrs. Jackson today.

I wanted to write to you separately about the fact that this obviously means that Mrs. Jackson will not be able to become the children's teacher. She had really hoped that the treatment would have been successful and that she could return to teach the class at some point but unfortunately this is not the case – the thought of returning to the classroom and teaching your children was really keeping her going.

I would like to reassure you that Ms. Baldrian will continue to be the class teacher and she is best placed to support the children through this time as she has built up positive relationships with them all.

I have attached a leaflet with information about Winston's Wish, an organisation that supports bereavement, particularly for children, should you wish to speak to your children about this. There are some great resources on their website.

As explained in my main letter, tomorrow I will have an assembly with the Year 5 and Year 6 classes (socially distanced of course) to talk to them about this and answer any questions they might have. After this assembly, the teachers will have a circle time with their classes to support them further. As part of this support, children will be

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invited, if they wish, to write Mrs. Jackson a message to put in a memory box for her and her family.

If you or your family wish to write a message to her and send it into school, you are very welcome to do so.

I will obviously keep you updated with any news from the family. Please can I ask you to respect Mr. and Mrs. Jackson's and their sons' privacy during this difficult time.

Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Yours sincerely

C. Westcott

Ms. Claire Westcott
Headteacher

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