



MERIDIAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Monday 26th October 2020

Mrs. Helen Jackson

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to let you know that sadly Mrs. Helen Jackson died in the early hours of this morning.

Mrs. Jackson was an important part of the Meridian community for over 10 years, initially as a Governor and a parent before starting as a teacher in January 2013. During her time as a teacher at Meridian, Mrs. Jackson was always so committed to being the best she could be for the children in her class and she was determined to ensure that everyone that she taught both enjoyed school and made great progress. She was simply an amazing teacher. As a colleague, we all enjoyed working with Mrs. Jackson and we all have such lovely memories of her. Mrs. Jackson will be greatly missed at Meridian by children, parents and staff.

On a personal note, I was lucky enough to know Mrs. Jackson for nearly 10 years and in that time the support and kindness she showed me as a Governor, parent and teacher was very special to me. I will really miss her.

I have attached the information about Winston's Wish again in case you would like any support to explain this bereavement to your children.

I will lead some socially distanced assemblies to all children (not Nursery children) on Monday 2nd November to talk about Mrs. Jackson and what this means to us as a school. This will be followed by circle times in all classes to talk about any questions, thoughts or feelings they may have in an age appropriate way.

I will write to you again next week to share any further news and to update you on any plans for a school memorial for Mrs. Jackson.

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In the meantime, please can I ask you to continue to respect Mr. Jackson's and his sons' privacy during this difficult time.

I know you will join me in sending Mrs. Jackson's family and friends our sympathy and ongoing support.

Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Yours sincerely

C. Westcott

Ms. Claire Westcott
Headteacher

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| <p>HELP FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND PROFESSIONALS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DEATH</p> <p>Freephone Helpline: 08088 020 021</p> <p>WINSTON'S WISH WW Giving hope to grieving children</p>  | <p>INFORMATION AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR WEBSITES, EMAIL AND HELPLINE</p> <p>FOR PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS: Freephone Helpline 08088 020 021 winstonswish.org</p> <p>FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: help2makesense.org Email ask@winstonswish.org</p> <p>17 Royal Crescent, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 3DA Tel: 01242 515 157 <small>Winston's Wish is a Registered Charity (England and Wales) 1061309, (Scotland) SC041143 011641131-7</small></p>  <p>WW</p> |
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