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Dear Parents,

I hope that you had a pleasant holiday.

Last week, I very sadly informed you of the sudden death of Mrs. Barrett. It still seems incredible that such an event has happened. Thank you to everyone who has very kindly passed on messages of sympathy – the sheer volume of the responses is testament to how loved and respected Diane was.

Over the past few days, we have spoken on several occasions to Diane's family. They have requested a private funeral for family only and instead of flowers, they would like to have a collection for some seating and planting that will create a special area at school in memory of Diane for enjoyment and reflection. I am sure that this area will be a peaceful and beautiful place and will be a fitting and permanent focus for adults and children alike. If you would like to make a contribution, please send it into school in an envelope marked "Mrs. Barrett" – thank you.

I am sure that you will want to pay your respects in writing and we now have a book of condolence available in the office. I know that Diane's sister and daughter will be very pleased to receive the book and I know they will take great comfort from all the messages it will hold.

As you know, Diane was our PE coordinator and as well as school events, she arranged matches with other schools and was a well known character on the touchline. The cluster schools are arranging for a memorial shield for presentation at the next local rally and we too, will be having a fair play trophy in Diane's memory at Sports day.

Over the coming days and weeks, we will try to keep things as normal as possible for the children. This week, the storyteller events, the speaking and listening competition and the dressing up event for World Book Day will all go ahead as planned – Diane would not have wanted anything different! There will be tears, I am sure, but laughter as well as we remember all the wonderful times that we had with Diane. One thing is for certain and that is we are all here for the children and for one another.

In the classroom, Miss Emma Westcott will continue her teaching practice, with Mrs. Blake as classroom assistant. As this is her final teaching practice, Emma will be in charge of the class for the vast majority of lessons. She will be supervised by Mrs. Love. We are pleased that Emma is with us until the end of March. I shall inform you shortly of plans for the class beyond this date.

Thank you, once more for your support, at this very difficult time.

Kind regards,

Suzanne Kelly

