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Dear Parents,

1st March, 2011

Thank you, again, for your many messages regarding Mrs. Barrett. The children have coped very well today and we shall obviously be keeping a close eye on them in the coming days and weeks. Thank you for all the work you have done with them on this difficult subject over the holiday.

Diane's funeral is on Thursday, 3rd March at 10.15am and as you know, at the request of the family, it will be taking place in private. As a school, therefore, we have been considering how we might best mark this occasion. After a great deal of deliberation, we have decided that we shall release 58 balloons (one for every year of Diane's life) at 10.15am as we feel this would be a fitting tribute to mark the moment. We understand that the latex balloons are biodegradable and after release, at approximately five miles high, they will become brittle and will shatter into miniscule pieces. These pieces will decompose at the rate of an oak leaf once they fall back to earth.

We would be very pleased if you could join us for this event – we shall probably be gathering around 10am in the back playground. Afterwards, you would be very welcome to stay for light refreshments. The book of condolence will also be available for your messages.

Diane was widely known in the local community; she organised PE events in the local cluster and she had also been a teacher tutor to many students from the University of Winchester. In her years of service to The Priory, a great many children have passed through her classes. It is therefore unsurprising that a particularly difficult aspect of making any arrangement is the concern that we may accidentally have omitted to tell someone about it. If you know of anyone who would like to join us on Thursday morning, I would be really grateful if you could extend the invitation on our behalf. Everyone will be most welcome.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday morning.

Kind regards,

Suzanne Kelly

