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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, Mrs Kerry (Otters) will soon be leaving us to have a baby. This is wonderful news and we are all so pleased for her. I am using this opportunity to provide you with an update on staffing. I am pleased to announce that we are able to organise staffing so that we harness the talents of the Horsley team. This also means that your children will be taught by staff who know them well.

The expectation is that Mrs Kerry's last week with us will be w.c. 13th November. From Monday 20th November, until the end of Term 2 (December), Otters will be taught by Miss Mansell, who is a qualified teacher, (Monday-Thursday) and Mrs Pickering (Fridays). From Monday 20th November, Mrs Everett will be returning to full-time teaching (Monday-Friday) in Foxes class.

From January 2024, Otters will be taught by Miss Mansell (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Vaughan (Wednesday-Friday) as part of a Job Share. Badgers will be taught by Mrs Pickering, full-time (Monday-Friday). Mr Price and Mrs Barr will continue to provide cover support for staff.

I am sure you are aware that recruitment and retention is a very real issue at local and national levels, across the teaching profession. The staffing arrangement detailed above, however, helps us to utilise the skillset of our amazing team.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to make contact.

Warmest regards

Gary Price
Headteacher



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