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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of some forthcoming staffing changes for Class 4 following the February half term.

As you are already aware, Mr Balmforth has been covering Miss Jewkes' maternity leave in Class 4. Mr Balmforth's time with us is now coming to an end, and next Wednesday 11th, will be his final day with us. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Balmforth for the huge contribution he has made to our school during his time with us and wish him all the very best as he embarks upon a new challenge.

We are also pleased to confirm that Miss Jewkes will be returning from maternity leave on Monday 23rd March. After half term, Miss Jewkes will be in school one day a week, each Wednesday, ahead of her full return.

During the interim period of four weeks between Mr Balmforth leaving and Miss Jewkes' return, Mrs Gollick will be teaching additional days in Class 4, in addition to her usual Thursday and Friday. The class will also be taught on a Monday, and at some other times, by Mr Wheelwright.

We would like to reassure parents and carers that we have planned carefully to ensure there is minimal disruption to the class during this period, and continuity of learning remains a priority while we await Miss Jewkes' return.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sanderson