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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure you're now aware that my role as Acting Headteacher of Horspath has been extended to the Easter holidays. Mrs Bailey will come back to the school after Christmas on a phased return. There are no immediate plans for her to return to being a class teacher. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. Given that I'm going to be here a bit longer than expected, I thought it important for all of you to know a bit more about me! My first 10 years of teaching were across two schools in East London. By the time I left in 2016 to relocate to Oxford with my family I had taught across all from Reception to Year 6 and was an Assistant Headteacher of a school with over 800 children – a little bit bigger than Horspath! In September 2016 I took a maternity cover position as the Acting Head of School at Cutteslowe Primary and then moved to New Marston as the Deputy Headteacher in April 2017. I currently teach in Year 6 on Thursdays and Fridays hence me not being able to be here on those days.

Communication

My commitments at New Marston may make it trickier for you to be able to contact me. If you do have questions that the office or class teachers cannot help you with then you can make an appointment through the school office. Alternatively come and speak to me when I'm in the playground before registration when I'm here. Also, I will aim to do a weekly newsletter but there may be times that it will be every fortnight.

Family Assemblies

After a lengthy consultation with senior staff, I have decided to move the family assembly slot from Friday afternoon to 9:05am on a Monday morning. Parents will be able to drop children off, then make their way to the hall and sign in there if they wish to stay. I'm aware that this may cause disruption for some of you but it became clear that this is the most appropriate slot that will minimise the impact on both the children's learning and our staffing. The first assembly in this slot will be next Monday 26th November and they will take place every Monday until Easter unless communicated to you.

Value of the Term

This term our value is Respect. So far we have talked about showing respect to other people and our school building. Hopefully we'll start seeing a few less coats on the floor!

Hot Chocolate Wednesday

Last week I got to sit down and enjoy a nice cup of hot chocolate with Grace (Acorns), Evan (Lime), Marni (Oak) and Marshal (Willow). They should all be very proud of their recent efforts in class.

Children in Need

An amazing £215 was raised for Children in Need by the families of our school. I'd like to say a special thanks to the PTA for the cake stall, as well as those of you who contributed the cakes for it. What I had was very tasty!

Poppy Appeal

A cracking £86.72 was raised by the school for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to all.

Yenworthy

It's been a little quieter at school this week as our Year 6 children have been on their residential at Yenworthy. If no news means good news, then I'm sure that they're having a cracking time!

Remember: our next Family Assembly will be Monday 26th November at 9:05am.

Many Thanks

Scott Lewis

Acting Head Teacher

