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Dear parents and carers,

It is with great sadness that I'm sharing the news of the death of one of our teachers, Mr Raven, who has been a much loved member of our school community for a long time. He passed away on Friday 2nd January after a period of ill health. Our hearts go out to his family and loved ones during this difficult time.

Mr Raven was not only an exceptional teacher but also a caring and dedicated person who touched the lives of many children and all of his colleagues. He will be deeply missed by all of us.

We understand that this news may be upsetting for your children, especially those who have been taught by Mr Raven. Grief can bring many emotions, and it is normal for children to feel sadness, fear, or even anger. Please reassure them that these feelings are natural and that they are not alone. Our school staff are available to provide emotional support to any child who needs it.

We encourage you to talk with your child about their feelings and remind them that it is okay to ask questions or share memories. Remembering the positive impact Mr Raven had can bring comfort during this difficult time. We will support the children to do this in school.

This news has come as a huge shock to us all. Our priority is to look after each other and the children while we navigate these early days following Mr Raven's death. I am in contact with Mr Raven's family and will share any further information with you regarding plans for a memorial for him in due course. In the meantime, we ask that you keep his family in your thoughts.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

Mrs Essex

