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Dear Parent / Carer

It is with a very heavy heart that I am having to write to you again this week. This is news that no-one ever wants to have to pass on.

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that Mrs Jane Young died on Wednesday evening (6 Jan 2021) after a long battle with cancer.

Mrs Young started over 13 years ago as Deputy Headteacher at Loddon Junior School. As the schools merged into Loddon Primary Federation over 8 years ago, she became the Deputy Headteacher of the Federation. She loved teaching, and helping everyone. Her passion and strength was Special Educational Needs where she has supported both pupils, staff and parents over recent years. She led our pastoral support team, both in school and more recently on-line during the lockdowns. She always wanted to be in school working. When people living with cancer were told to work from home in November, I had to tell her to follow the advice as she wanted to be in school with her class, working alongside her friends and colleagues.

Mrs Young leaves a young daughter and husband.

Mrs Young will leave a huge hole in our Federation. My heartfelt sorrow and support goes out to her family at this incredibly difficult time.

I will post an assembly next Friday (15 Jan) which celebrates Mrs Young's time at Loddon Primary Federation.

With most children learning from home, we felt that it would be most appropriate if their main carers talk to them about what happened. It usually helps when this can be done in a place where there is peace and quiet, and where the child feels secure. If you feel that you need help in telling your child, please contact us and we can support you in that. Your child may or may not want to talk about it, but it is likely that he/she will need your special care, attention and reassurance at this difficult time. As at this time we are unable to support all children directly, please do give your child an opportunity to ask questions and talk about Mrs Young, especially if they had known her well. Talking about good memories can be really helpful.

If your child would like to draw a picture, or write a memory of Mrs Young, or if you would like to write a memory, please send them to the school (either email to the office or post) and we will collate them to send to the family.

We are all deeply affected by the death, but we are trying, for the children's sake, to keep the next few days as normal as possible (given the current circumstances). If you feel that your child needs additional support, please let us know.

Our thoughts are with the family at this difficult time, and we are all sending them our sincerest sympathy and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Take care and best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Burbage". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mr R Burbage
Headteacher