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Monday 22nd January 2024

Dear parents / carers,

This week, we are pleased to be welcoming back Mrs Farnsworth from maternity leave. She will return to her role, as a part-time teacher in Beech class, sharing with Mrs Dodd. Until the Easter holidays, Mrs Dodd will remain full-time and Mrs Farnsworth will work Wednesday to Friday each week. This will give lots of time for Mrs Farnsworth to build relationships with the children, alongside Mrs Dodd, as well as providing additional cover in school.

After Easter, Mrs Dodd will return to part-time, where she will continue to teach Beech class on a Monday, Tuesday and every other Wednesday afternoon. Mrs Farnsworth will teach Wednesday mornings, every other Wednesday afternoon, and all-day Thursday and Friday. Covering each other for their PPA (planning, preparation and assessment time), will ensure consistency throughout the week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Dodd for increasing her working hours during Mrs Farnsworth's maternity leave, providing consistency for Beech class. Whilst we appreciate any change of staffing can be unsettling for young children, we will ensure the transition is gradual and keep the children informed throughout. Mrs Dodd and Mrs Farnsworth have job-shared a class previously and make a brilliant team!

Please feel free to speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Kelly Ryan Deputy Headteacher

