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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will all agree that Miss Barry and Miss Reeve have done a fantastic job working together as a team teaching Year 1 since Miss Lavelle became unwell in February. In first recruiting Miss Barry, we were unsure how long we would need her to cover for, as we had hoped Miss Lavelle would recover and be able to come back to work. Unfortunately, that has not been the case, and Miss Lavelle has decided to resign from her post, dedicating more time to focusing on her health and well-being. We fully support her decision and wish her a full and speedy recovery.

Miss Barry was very open with us back in February and did advise us that she had already pre-booked a trip at the beginning of July. This means that her last day with us will be on Friday 30th June. I am however delighted to say, that we have been so impressed with Miss Barry this year, we have offered her a position with us again next year.

It does mean that for the last three weeks of term she will not be with us. We have considered the options and we do not feel that putting a new teacher in the class for the last three weeks would be beneficial to the children, so we will be covering the class internally to ensure consistency and continuity for the children. Miss Reeve will continue to deliver the teaching and learning in the class with the support of Mrs O'Connor.

Together with Miss Reeve, Miss Barry will be completing the final summer term assessments for all of the children before she leaves and has written a report for each child.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and support during this period of time. If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Lindsey Hodgson
Head of School

