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“Children don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.”

Thursday 17th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sad news

It is with great sadness that we are writing to inform you that Mrs Sarah-Jane L’Esteve, our Diamond Class teacher, died yesterday (Wednesday 16th December 2020). Mrs L’Esteve passed away at 4.30pm as she made her way home after school.

This morning, I (Mr Kaye) spoke to Mrs L’Esteve’s mother and son to offer our condolences and support. They will keep us informed of funeral arrangements and we will, of course, send a floral tribute on behalf of the whole school community.

This morning, I (Mr Kaye) spoke to each class in school. I told the children the sad news that Mrs L’Esteve has died and will not be coming back to school. We talked about our happy memories of Mrs L’Esteve: her love of glitter; her Phonics songs and ditties; and her love of science and technology. All of the children have been invited to contribute a picture, poem, memory or prayer that we can pass on to her family.

Flowers

If you would like to donate money for flowers, please send contributions into school in an envelope marked “Flowers for Mrs L’Esteve”.

If you would like to bring your own flowers and place them at the school gate where Diamond Class come in to school, please do so.

Diamond Class will reopen tomorrow

We made the decision to close Diamond Class today because, as you will appreciate, due to COVID-19 restrictions, normal staff redeployment within school was not an option.

Diamond Class will open again tomorrow (Friday 18th December) at the usual time. Our Diamond Class staff will be there to work with the children and will be supported by Mr Kaye and Reverend Liz Dudley.

Prayer and support

Today we have been supported by the Somerset Educational Psychology Service and this help will continue as necessary during the coming days.

We have also received kind messages of prayer and support from our friends at Christ Church parish church, the Diocese of Bath and Wells, other schools in Frome, Fair Frome and the wider community.

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signature of Rupert Kaye in black ink.

Rupert Kaye
Headteacher

Handwritten signature of John Price in black ink.

John Price
Chair of Governors