



Mr Meads

As you will be aware over the summer we received the devastating news that Mr Meads had tragically died after a very short and unexpected illness. This has been a very difficult time for staff and the impact of this event will affect the whole school for the foreseeable future. We have worked hard during the last couple of weeks to put plans in place to support children, staff and parents. We are aware that children will need time to ask questions and we have received external support from a local authority educational psychologist to help us answer them honestly and sensitively. We are aware that some children, who were closer to Mr Meads, may require additional help to come to terms with this sad news. We will do everything we can to support each other.



A book of condolence will be available for parents to write messages in. This will be set up in the pavilion and people are welcome to sit in there and have a quiet moment. The pavilion will be open before and after school. Children will be given an opportunity within school to add to a book of memories which will be passed on to his family. Thank you to everyone who has already sent messages which have been passed onto his family. Also thank you to those of you who have donated to the JustGiving appeal set up by his wife Abi in support of Bloodwise which has raised over £5,000 <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/matthew-thomas-meads>

On Thursday 19th September we will be holding a short service to allow parents and children to pay their respects to Mr Meads. This will take place at 5pm in the school hall. We will share some memories and a short film created by Mr Pepper. As September is Blood Cancer Awareness month there will be a collection for Bloodwise if families wish to make a donation. After the service we will serve light refreshments. We will send more details closer to the date.

We have appointed a new teacher for Year 5. Miss Bethan Strike will be coming to work with us. Please show her your support as this is a difficult transition time for everyone.

Our thoughts remain with Mr Meads' family.



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