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Dear Parents,

## Update January 17<sup>th</sup> 2022

I hope you are all well and enjoying the sunshine. It is still very cold though, but the children love to run around at playtime and keep warm.

I have a couple of items to inform you of, and a couple of reminders.

### **Mrs Radnor**

Mrs Radnor has not been at school this year and will not be returning until after her maternity leave has finished. I am sure that you will all wish Mrs Radnor all the best as she prepares for her new addition.

### **Mrs Davies**

As I am sure many of you know, Mandy retired at the end of last term, after 22 years at Blakeney. It wasn't an easy 'send-off' as she unfortunately became poorly with COVID at the end of that term. We will all miss Mandy, and I especially will always be grateful for her friendship and support over our time together.

We are fortunate, however, to have found a great replacement in Mrs Jess Davies, who started at Blakeney two weeks ago. You may have met or spoken to Jess already. She is an experienced School Administrator, and will be working on Monday, Tuesday and Friday each week. Lisa will be working at Blakeney on the other two days.

### **Kathryn Watson - Family Liaison**

Kathryn worked in all three of the schools prior to her deciding that she wanted to apply her experience elsewhere. Kathryn is an extremely skilled and pragmatic person, working to support parents and ultimately our children. Again, her support and friendship over the years has been invaluable, and I am extremely grateful to her.

Kathryn is a hard person to replace, but we are working hard to find that person. I

will let you know when we are successful.

### **Staff Illness**

Fortunately, we have only had very few cases of COVID amongst staff throughout this pandemic. This can easily change though. As I have previously mentioned, it is extremely difficult to find a supply teacher at short notice, and we may need to rely on our Teaching Assistants, who step up admirably each time.

### **Pupil Illness**

If your child is poorly and any of the symptoms resemble a cold eg sore throat, congestion as well as symptoms of a tummy bug, we would be grateful if you could rule out COVID with an LFT. If you could also let us know the result of that test, it would be appreciated.

Have a good week.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.

Brett Stevenson

Headteacher  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2022