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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ripley Staff Update

As you are aware, Mrs Lorains will shortly begin her maternity leave, towards the end of this half term. We are delighted for her and wish her and her family all the very best as they prepare to welcome their new baby.

Ensuring stability and continuity for children is central to our approach across the Federation. For longer-term absences, our strong preference is therefore to utilise the expertise we already have either within our Federation or those who know our ethos and values well. This is especially important for our eldest children at such a significant point in their primary education and as we look forward to welcoming inspection also.

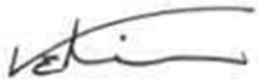
I am therefore delighted to confirm that Mrs Bethan Thomson, an incredibly experienced Teacher who has worked for me as a leader both at the Federation and other settings previously, is well-known in the village and who is a local Worship Pastor will be teaching Class 4.

Mrs Lorains will be in school for the first few weeks of this half term alongside Mrs Thomson. Then from January we welcome Mrs Kearsley back who will be teaching C4 alongside Mrs Thomson, with Mrs Sefton and our ITT students. I am delighted that we are able to put this level of experience and human resource in our top class to ensure their continued success.

This planned period of working together will provide a seamless transition and ensure that there is no loss of momentum in the children's learning. Most importantly, this arrangement enables us to maintain consistency, high expectations of behaviours and excellent teaching at a key point in the children's education.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest Regards



Miss V Kirkman
Executive Headteacher