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Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher - Mrs. Jane Rosser

As you will all be aware, Mrs. Rosser has been absent from school on long-term sickness leave since Easter last year. It is my very sad duty to inform you that Jane passed away peacefully on Saturday evening, following her admittance to Yeovil Hospital on Friday. Her close family members were with her at the time.

I was informed of this sad news by Jane's husband Gareth yesterday morning and offered my sincere condolences on behalf of our school community. I spoke to him at length in the company of Jane and Gareth's daughter Emma, who attended our school several years ago and is now studying at Cardiff University.

During the many years I have been associated with High Ham Primary, I can confirm that it has always been a pleasure and a privilege to have worked so closely with Jane. She was an extremely skilled professional and an exceptional Headteacher who really loved her job and our school. We have been fortunate to have had such a dedicated leader all these years, who has laid a very sound foundation that has left the school on solid ground and in a very strong position to continue to develop in the future.

Our school community has experience of dealing with difficult situations such as this and has continued to move forward, no matter what challenges have come our way, with appropriate levels of support provided. I am confident that all our staff, under Mrs. Edwards guidance, will once again get on with what needs to be done and provide the right conditions in school for our children to learn and thrive.

When I am informed of the funeral arrangements, along with the family wishes, I will provide a further update. In the meantime, in line with what we have done in the past, it would be helpful if you, as parents and carers, informed your children personally about this sad news. Mrs Edwards will inform Key Stage 2 tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

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Chris Palmer

Chair of Governance Board