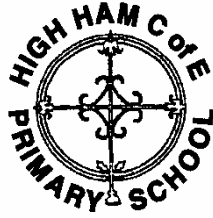


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Re: CONFIDENTIAL Clare Wills

Dear Parents/Carers

It is with great sadness that I am writing to you to tell you that Mrs Clare Wills died on Saturday.

There will be time to celebrate and remember all of the wonderful things Clare has done at High Ham in the thirty years she was here. I appreciate that she has touched many lives and was a very special person.

I am sure, like many members of the school community you will want to pay your respects to Clare. The family will be arranging the funeral and I will pass on all good wishes from the whole school community. In time, we will update you on their plans but on the actual day of the funeral (if it is a school day) as a mark of respect, we will be closing the school.

Later in the summer term, we will be organising a celebratory memorial service for Clare to celebrate all the fantastic memories we have. We will open this special service, led by Rev. Jess Pitman to the whole of the school/local community, past and present. We will hold this at the end of a Thursday afternoon and the following day we will have a celebration day at school, which the PTA have kindly offered to support. Should the family wish, we will also use this as an opportunity to support a charity in memory of Mrs Wills.

Tonight, if you feel appropriate please can you tell your child that Mrs Wills has passed away. Rev. Jess will be popping into school and will be available to talk to the children, particularly in Willow class.

Please join me at this time to send your prayers and good wishes to Clare's husband and sons.

The words an ex parent who recently wrote to me are particularly pertinent and I think will capture everyone's thoughts *"I know that Clare would not want us to be sad but rather to celebrate her energy and vitality, she made the most of every minute and was so full of joy and enthusiasm. I think of the quote 'Be the Things You Loved Most About the People Who Are Gone' By Lori Deschene is wonderful."*

An ex-governor also spoke to me recently and said she was part of the interviewing panel who appointed Mrs Wills thirty two years ago – what an excellent decision the governing body made. Let us all take this time to be thankful that we were all lucky enough to have Mrs Wills as a teacher at our school.

We are blessed to have a caring school community, please be assured that we all really appreciate your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mrs Rosser'.

Mrs Jane Rosser
Head

PS: Please keep an eye on the weekly bulletin as we will endeavour to keep you informed. You may also like to take a moment if you have not already done so to look at the websites (Cruse and Winston's Wish).

