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Dear Parents

As you will know Mrs Murray is expecting a baby and was due to start her maternity leave during the Easter holidays. However, under medical advice Mrs Murray is having to start her maternity leave after the school day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This will mean that she will not be teaching Class 3 for the rest of this academic term. I have managed to cover the teaching of Class 3 internally with Mrs Neilson, who is well known to the children, taking the lead in Class 3 for English and Maths. Myself, and the other teachers in school will be also teaching Class 3 in the afternoons and so the children will benefit from the expertise of subject leaders teaching those subjects to the children.

Provision has been made for our Year 6 children who will be taking their end of KS2 SATs during the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May with booster and revision groups taking place during the week up until SATs.

I am pleased to tell you that I have recruited Ms Sarah Szewczuk, an experienced and creative teacher to cover Mrs Murray's maternity leave up to her return. Ms Szewczuk comes with glowing references and a fantastic attendance record and I know that I have made the right choice for our children at Sabden. After the Easter holidays I will arrange a time for you to meet with her and make yourselves known.

In the meantime please don't worry about this unexpected turn of events as I can assure you that the children in class 3 will continue to make progress and thrive.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks and best wishes

Elizabeth Maskell Headteacher

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