



Leen Mills Primary School

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Dear families of Leen Mills

I wrote to you all in the summer to inform you of sudden death of Mrs Sladden. Mrs Sladden was a much loved member of staff and her loss has been felt deeply. The staff were able to attend her thanks giving service last week where we were able to come together in our grief and share fond memories.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back tomorrow. However, we know that the children in our school community will feel the loss of Mrs Sladden and they have been at the forefront of our planning for the next few days. I have been in contact with the educational psychology team to talk through how we plan to support our children with their grief and sense of loss. We know that not all children will respond to their grief in the same way or on the same timescale and that is ok, we will support them when they need it.

The next few days will look like this-

- Wednesday morning at 9am there will be a thanks giving service for Mrs Sladden in school lead by myself. Our FS2 pupils will not be in the assembly and if you feel you would rather not have your child attend this please let the office know.
- There will be extra staff in school on Wednesday - Mrs Stone will be off timetable for the children to be able to pop into if they need it.
- All pupils will be making some butterflies and dragon flies to go on display up the main corridor
- The educational psychology team have been in contact with the school and have offered support for our children if they need it.
- I have some resources available if you find your child is struggling to process the loss of Mrs Sladden.

As a school we would like to purchase a memorial bench for Mrs Sladden to be placed outside the main office. We want to plant some butterfly friendly plants around it. If you would like to contribute, you can do so on Parent Pay for this.

Please keep talking with us, we are here to support each other through a difficult and sad time for Leen Mills.

Yours

Mrs Goldson