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Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had had a wonderful Christmas and I would like to warmly welcome you back to the Spring term.

Ahead of the start of term I am sadly writing to tell you that Mr Harrison has been diagnosed with cancer. We got the diagnosis at the end of November. As you can imagine December was a very difficult time for us, but we were supported so well by the staff at school and of course the children in school were and are such a tonic.

Happily, on the day of Class 3's play we had a meeting with the oncologist and were told that the cancer had not spread and that with an operation to remove the tumour, he should hopefully make a full recovery. We have all been very keen to keep things 'business as usual' in school and luckily the lead up to Christmas is so busy and happy that hopefully we hid any upset from the children.

Mr Harrison has planned the whole topic for the Spring term and starting immediately, I have employed a very experienced teacher, Mrs Trotter, who will cover the duration of Mr Harrison's absence. We don't have an actual operation date at this time, so Mr Harrison will be able to work alongside Mrs Trotter for the first week or so. He is keen to ensure a smooth transition for the children to minimise any anxiety that the children may be feeling, and working together will allow Mrs Trotter to see how things are done in that class, get familiar with the routines and get to know the children properly before taking over for a while.

As I mentioned earlier Mr Harrison is expected to make a full recovery and this is the message that we are keen to present to the children. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Lynn Harrison