

Friday 6th November 2015

Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to express our sincere thanks to you all for the support, sympathy and concern we have received throughout this week.

The emails, texts, letters and flowers have helped ease our sadness here in school and for that we are all most grateful.

Our hearts go out to Miss Dawson's fiancé and her family. They will be in our thoughts and prayers for many months to come.

The flowers, cards and messages left at school are tangible evidence of how well thought of Miss Dawson was. The books of remembrance will remain in the hall until Thursday 26th November 2015. Please do continue to add to them should you feel you wish to do so. Should you not be able to come into school, and prefer to E Mail a message, we will make sure it is included in the book.

We have been asked whether the school is planning a more lasting tribute to Miss Dawson. We would love to do so, and we would seek to involve both her fiancé's and family's wishes in whatever we plan with the children. This obviously needs to be done with respect, sensitivity and careful planning. We will communicate this to you in due course.

In order for families to remain as well informed as possible, following consultation and in line with previous Local Authority precedent, the decision has been made for both the Infant and Junior schools to close on the day of Miss Dawson's funeral as a mark of respect. We have been informed today that the funeral will take place on Wednesday 11th November 2015. We hope you understand both the reasons for this decision and the short notice given.

Thankfully, what we have experienced as a school is extremely rare. I have no doubt that the experience has drawn us closer together and reminded us of how very precious life is.

With our sincere thanks for your on-going support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

M J Smith

Mrs M J Smith