Monday 2nd September 2024

Dear Parent,

I hope that your child is looking forward to returning to school this week. We are certainly looking forward to having them back.

Sadly, I am writing to you to communicate some sad news. One of our long serving teaching assistants, Mrs Angie Heron, passed away last week following a short battle with cancer. Mrs Heron had worked in our school for over 12 years and we will miss her positive attitude, sense of humour, her kindness and warmth.

As a school community we are devastated and send our deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

Mrs Heron predominantly worked in our Year Five and Six classes, most recently in the Eagles, so it is likely that your child had contact with her. We would ask you to break this news to your child, if you felt it appropriate, before your child comes back to school so it is not a shock for them on their first day back.

On their first day back, we will hold a special Collective Worship with the Year Six children to talk about what has happened and help them to process this loss. If you have any questions about this or would rather your child not attend please let me know by e-mail (andrew.smith@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) as soon as possible.

If you feel your child needs further support regarding grief and loss please speak to your child’s teacher. There are lots of online resources that might be of use too including the [Young Minds website.](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/grief-and-loss/)

In the next few weeks, we will work with Mrs Heron’s family to consider what we can do in school to remember how special she was and how much she meant to us all.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Smith

Executive Headteacher