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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with a great deal of sadness that I am writing to tell you that Alison Grimes, one of our Teaching Assistants in the Foundation Stage Unit has passed away unexpectedly.

Obviously, Alison has been a part of the lives of most, if not all, of the children at Radley Primary School and will be sorely missed. She worked at the school for a great many years and was well-loved and respected by parents, colleagues and the wider community. Alison loved the children she supported, both in the Foundation Stage and as part of our Breakfast Club. Personally she was an excellent quizzier and keen Spurs fan. Radley School was a big part of Alison's life, she threw herself into working for the benefit of the children in our community.

Please could you ensure that you talk to your children as soon as possible in an appropriate manner for your child and your family prior to coming back to school. You may also want to refer to the attached pdf from SeeSaw or follow the link from Cruse [Childrens' understanding of death | Cruse Bereavement Care](#) to support this discussion and answer any questions your child may have.

I know that you will want to join us in offering your sincere condolences to Alison's family and respect their privacy at this extremely distressing time. Please also be aware that staff members have lost a dear friend and colleague and may also need your understanding and support as we come to terms with this shocking news.

With our best wishes,

Claire Thomas
Headteacher

Gareth Mulcahy
Chair of Governors