

9th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 5 Owls

I am writing to let you know that sadly Ms Mackay will be leaving us at Christmas and taking a break from teaching. It is not a decision that she has taken lightly and indeed she has very mixed feelings about leaving us as she has loved working at Wraysbury Primary School and it holds fond memories for her of her own primary years here as a child.

Many of you will know that she has been suffering with ill health since May and feels that if she is to recover fully, then she needs to make time for herself and consider her wellbeing.

We are of course actively looking for a teacher to replace her but unfortunately it is very difficult to recruit teachers, especially at this time of year. I am pleased to say that we have arranged for Mrs Morrissey to teach in Owls on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Allen will be returning to us to teach in there on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and of course they both know the children well. We feel that this is an excellent solution and we will keep this in place whilst we continue to advertise for a permanent teacher who meets our high expectations.

We will undertake an in-depth handover and transition period in the next two weeks.

I am sure that you are as disappointed to hear of Ms Mackay's departure, as we all are, but we hope that by sharing the circumstances so openly with you, you understand the reason for it.

We thank you for all your support and please do not hesitate to come and talk to Mrs Morrissey or myself if you have any questions or queries. We have explained it to the children today so that they are aware and understand.

Regards

Alison Fox

Headteacher