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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Staffing Update

We started this week with some exciting news. Miss Kay surprised us all this week by announcing that she is expecting a baby. She is very excited and really looking forward to a new member of the family, arriving in August. Mrs Blackman has been in touch this week. She is starting to feel better but has decided that it is the right time for her to retire. She will retire at the end of this half term. After 21 years of committed service to the school, she will be greatly missed. We will be making a collection so we can buy a gift to mark this occasion. If you wish to contribute to the collection, this can be done through Parentpay or through your child's class teacher. Any cash donation should be passed to your child's classteacher in a sealed envelope. We have advertised for a replacement for Mrs Blackman's post. Interviews will be taking place during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February is 'Safer Internet Day'. The theme this year is 'All Fun and Games? Exploring Respect and Relationships Online'. There will be an assembly on Tuesday where online challenges will be discussed. If you would like any further information about tips for children or advice for parents and carers, I have attached the relevant link.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

### Start and end of day

This week, I have received several complaints about children's behaviour at the start and end of the school day. I think I mentioned this in last week's update and I have spoken to the children about this during two collective worship sessions this week. We ask the children to stay with the adult who collects them at the end of the school day or drops them off in the mornings. We also remind children that they should not be running on the school paths and that our Remembrance Garden is not a play space. We want to make sure that our children enter and leave school in a safe and sensible manner. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### Hockey Match

The long awaited hockey match against Drybrook School will happen after school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. We are happy for parents to watch the match as this is an outdoor event. The match will take place on the 'Top Playground' and should start at about 3.30pm. Good luck to the team. I know they have been really looking forward to team events to get underway again.

### Gymnastics Success

Congratulations to Katie Pugh in Y5 who has been selected for Gloucestershire's County Gymnastics Squad. We all know how much Katie loves gymnastics and she has worked really hard to improve her skills. Well done, Katie.

Enjoy the weekend

Stephanie Severn