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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope as many of you as possible have been able to visit school this afternoon to view the wonderful work on display. This year the two main priorities for the school are to raise achievement in writing and nurture a passion for reading. I hope you will be able to see from our current displays that this is clearly evident throughout our school environment.

I am writing to you this afternoon to inform you that I will be taking two weeks paternity leave from today as my wife expects to give birth to our third child imminently. With the full support of my Governors, I have made arrangements for the school to continue to operate as usual in my absence. I am incredibly fortunate to have a very strong, experienced team of teachers and senior leaders who will ensure this happens. To support Mrs Force, who will remain in class as usual for 3 ½ days a week, Ms Yapp will be in school on three days next week and also in school on the final week before the half term holiday supporting and advising on leadership matters. I will be returning to school in Term Two where I look forward to seeing you all then.

I am very confident that everyone at school will have a fantastic final two weeks of Term One and wish everyone a relaxing and restful holiday.

With best wishes.

Mr S James Head Teacher