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Dear Parents & Carers

I am writing to you to let you know about some changes that are happening in your child's class after Easter.

Many of you will know that Mrs Smits is our Forest Schools teacher. This is a provision that I'm sure you will agree is extremely beneficial to the children and something that they really enjoy. In order to allow us the chance to roll this out to the rest of the school during the summer term Mrs Smits will be coming out of class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. After Easter these days will be led in 4S by Mrs Hicklin. Mrs Smits will lead on Thursdays and Fridays.

We are really happy to be welcoming Mrs Hicklin back to Ashfield after her maternity leave. Mrs Hicklin has taught at Ashfield for almost 6 years in the upper part of the school and we feel that this is an excellent opportunity for Mrs Hicklin to begin working with the children in year 4 to prepare them for the expectations in y5, something that she is very experienced in. Mrs Miller and Mrs Routledge will continue to support in 4S as normal.

We have two other successful models of class sharing in school and we are confident that Mrs Smits and Mrs Hicklin will make a great teaching team. This is not the first time that they have worked together, working successfully alongside each other in Y5 prior to Mrs Hicklin's maternity leave.

Mrs Hicklin will be in school on 23rd, 24th and 25th March to spend time getting to know the children and planning for next term's learning. You will get the opportunity to meet her at the end of the day of each of these days.

If you have any questions or queries about these changes then please feel free to contact me at school.

Your sincerely

Mrs Frost
Headteacher

