

26th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of Children in YR2 Pink,

I am delighted to officially share some lovely news with you. Ms Austen is expecting her first baby and is due to start her maternity leave straight after the Easter holidays!

Her last day with us will therefore be Thursday 28th March. I am happy to confirm that she will be returning to us after her maternity leave, so the next time you will see her she will be a Mother!

I know you will all join me in wishing her a safe delivery and a wonderful time off to enjoy her baby. We have recruited an experienced teacher for the class who will be with them for the rest of this academic year. Her name is Ms Charlotte Leopold.

Ms Leopold taught the class last week and really enjoyed meeting and teaching the children. She is also looking forward to getting to know all of you.

Before Ms Austen leaves, she has prepared all the important information Ms Leopold will need to ensure a smooth transition.

The class teaching assistant, Ms Ezgi will continue to support in the class so this will provide valuable continuity for them as well as support for Ms Leopold as she gets to know them all.

You will meet Ms Leopold after the Easter holidays, when children return on Monday 15th April at the normal time, 8.55 a.m. and I will arrange a more formal, 'Meet the Teacher' early on in the summer term.

In the meantime, once again please join me in wishing Ms Austen well as she joins us in what will be a challenging, exciting and fulfilling journey as a parent.

Yours sincerely,



Hina Shah – Headteacher