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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this week. As you are aware, Mrs Lane's son Ewan, who worked with the current Year 6 in school last year, has very sadly passed away.

The Educational Psychology Team has been in school today advising the staff on how best to support the children. Professional staff will continue to be in school tomorrow and will be working with some pupils, as appropriate. Our school Counsellor, Bonnie Raby, also continues to support our children.

Children grieve in different ways and I am including on the back of this letter, some information that you may find helpful when speaking with your children at home, from Child Bereavement UK.

There have been many extremely kind and touching messages from parents to Mrs Lane and her family. Should you, or your children, wish to pass on a message, card or picture etc., these can be passed to the office or class teachers (A4 size or smaller please). These will then be put together into a special memory/condolence binder and passed to the family. Some parents have very kindly arranged a collection (being held in the school office) and have suggested a permanent memorial tribute on the school site. After the Christmas break, once I have discussed with Mrs Lane her wishes, we shall look to take this further.

As we move through this sad time, I am mindful that Christmas is fast approaching and it is right that children enjoy themselves. We look forward to warmly welcoming you into school for all our usual Christmas activities. Next Friday at 1.30 pm, parents are invited to our 'Parent and Child Make a Christmas Decoration' afternoon, followed by 'Family Carol Singing' on the playground at 2.30 pm.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S. Gould
Deputy Headteacher