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Dear Parents,

Firstly, can I say a huge thank you for all the messages of love and support we have received in the last 24 hours from our parent community in response to Rachael Page dying. As you can imagine, today has been a challenging day for staff, with lots of very fragile people who have been managing their own feelings whilst also supporting the children with the upmost care and professionalism. Never have I felt prouder to be part of the Queensway family.

The children in Years 1-6 have all had a circle time session this morning and have had the opportunity to ask questions, but mainly, the children have been enjoying remembering Mrs Page and talking about their happy memories of her.

We will be holding a minute clap for Mrs Page tomorrow at 2pm on the playground for all the children to take part in. This will be a celebratory event. Each class are also going to be busy capturing their memories to create scrap books, cards etc which we will pass on to Mrs Page's family.

Starting tomorrow, there will be a memory book for the parent community to write in, which will be displayed in the reception area. This book is for adults and past students, as the children will be doing their own thing in class. Please feel free to pass this on to ex-Queensway families. People will still need to wear masks and sanitise their hands on entry. It will be available from 6:30am to 5:30pm every day, tomorrow and Wednesday, then again when we return after Easter.

If you wish to send an email for us to enter into the memory book, then that is fine too.

Parents have been asking about where they can make a donation. I have today spoken to Mrs Page's husband, Lee, who has confirmed Rachael's wish that Queensway PTA is where she would like donations to be given by anyone who wishes to give in her memory, so information will follow shortly about how people can do that. Mrs Page wanted this money to go directly on the children in order for them to have fun.

Please let us know if your child would benefit from having some time with Debbie if they are struggling with this sad news.

I will communicate again once we have more details of the funeral plan etc. In the meantime, we will still be doing all the planned Easter fun with the children and ensuring they have a lovely end to what has been a tough couple of terms for them.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman
Headteacher