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Dear parents/carers,

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that our much-loved former headteacher, Pat Boyle, has died after a short period of illness.

Pat was "Wigginton Primary School" through and through. Having worked here for thirty years as class teacher, deputy and headteacher, her influence is still very much part of our school. Pat was so dedicated and selfless, always putting the children first with unwavering determination. Even since retiring in 2017, she continued to be part of our school community, volunteering to support classes as well as becoming a school governor, where her experience and knowledge was hugely valued.

She cared greatly for all the families and staff in the Wigginton Primary School community and would remember the names of pupils many years on, some of whom now have their own children at school. I am sure there will be many families who will also be saddened by this news too. I am sure you will want to join me in expressing our deepest sympathy to her family at this difficult time.

Although the children currently in school were not here whilst Pat was the headteacher, many of them will have been supported by her through her volunteering. We have let the children know in assembly today. We understand that many of you will have been supported by Pat at some stage and I would like to reassure you that everyone responds differently when hearing news like this. We all may dip in and out of sadness around our usual activities. This is normal and healthy so please be kind to yourselves if you are affected personally by this news.

You may find that your child has questions to ask which we will answer in an age-appropriate way in school, but if you feel you would like more support and advice yourself, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We will share details of the funeral as soon as they are known. It is likely that some staff will, of course, wish to pay their respects to a much-loved former colleague and friend. I am sorry to be the bearer of such sad news, but having spoken with the family, we agreed that it was important to inform the whole school community.

Yours sincerely,

*Paul Laycock*  
Headteacher

