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Dear fa	amilies,					30/03/2023

We have reached the end of another term! The lighter evenings and beautiful spring flowers are certainly a welcome respite after a long, bleak winter.

Willow Class have returned from their residential feeling more confident and having developed lots of new friendships across the Federation. They enjoyed such a wide variety of activities – all can be seen on the twitter page either by following it or googling the twitter handle @GS\_Federation.





This week we also wished our families HAPPY EASTER with a showcase of the Easter Story and lots of beautiful songs, including using a Makaton to sign along to 'Oh Happy Days' – to was so wonderful to see!

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During the rehearsal, Sporting Influence (the company who work with the Teachers to ensure effective P.E lessons for the children) popped by in the middle of a 100km bike ride to say hello!

They were doing the sponsored cycle to raise the profile of the Sporting Influence Foundation which is in place to enhance the well-being of children. The children were VERY excited to see them!



You may have noticed Miss Bartlett around school in recent weeks on her Keeping in Touch Days as part of her Maternity leave. She is now officially back to work and will be back in Cherry Blossom Class after Easter.

This means that sadly it is time to say farewell to Miss Walsh. Miss Walsh joined us as a student in January 2022 and worked closely with Miss Bartlett as she was Miss Walsh's mentor until her maternity leave started.

We recognised her huge potential and asked her to stay on with us as the class teacher as the children thought she was fab! We whole-heartedly agree and have been so proud to watch her flourish at the start of her journey as a teacher.

We always knew that the maternity role would end but we really feel like we are losing a member of the federation family! We will really miss her!

Miss Walsh is not going too far though – she is doing the next part of the Early Career Teacher programme in another maternity role at Follifoot!

Miss Walsh will be back on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April to share the children's success alongside Miss Bartlett at the parent / carer consultation meetings, and she has also said she would love to join the children for the PTFA film night too.

Miss Walsh is always welcome and we look forward to hearing how she is progressing.



We are also saying goodbye to Mrs James who has been standing in as a temporary cook in the kitchen for us! Although she has only been a temporary member of staff, your children absolutely adore her and her fabulous cooking – it has never tasted better! Dolce have recruited a new cook to join their team and he will be cooking for the federation after Easter.

I am in a meeting tomorrow with the Local Authority, so I will wish you all a Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you back to school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> is a Training day).

Yours sincerely, Zoe Ellis Executive Headteacher