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Dear Parents and Carers of 5GC,

I hope this message finds you well. As we approach the end of term, I wanted to share some exciting news about your child's teacher for January.

We recognise that your child has had a few different teachers over the course of each week, and this has been to ensure they received the best possible support during a busy term. Mrs Chesney has played a key role in guiding and supporting the class. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to her for the incredible work she has done with 5GC. Her dedication and care have been invaluable, and the children have thrived under her expertise. As Assistant Head of Lower School, Mrs Chesney has also stepped in to meet unforeseen leadership demands, which meant some changes in teaching arrangements. Please be assured that every decision has been made with the children's wellbeing and progress at the heart, and we truly appreciate your understanding and partnership during this time.

The wellbeing and academic progress of the children remain our highest priority. To provide the consistency that we know is so important, we are delighted to announce that Miss Phoebe Leonard will be joining Glebe Farm in January as the new class teacher for 5GC. Miss Leonard is an exceptional educator with a strong passion for building positive relationships and creating a supportive, engaging learning environment. We are thrilled to welcome her to our team.

Although we would have loved for Miss Leonard to meet the class before January, this has not been possible. To ensure a smooth start, the first week of term will be heavily supported by Mrs Chesney, who will work closely with Miss Leonard and the children during the transition. In addition, Miss Reynolds will continue to work with the class on Mondays and Thursdays, providing further continuity and support.

Please be assured that Mrs Chesney will remain involved in the children's learning journey throughout the year, even after the transition, so the class will continue to benefit from her expertise.

Thank you for your continued support as we make this positive change for the benefit of the children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Mrs Chesney will be available this week to answer any questions and work through any concerns.

Warm regards,
Katie Higginbottom