

Puddletown Church of England First School

‘Inspiring learners to be the best they can be’

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Dear Parent,

I hope that you and your family have had a good summer and managed to find some sunshine. It is with great sadness however that I find myself beginning the new term by having to inform you that Sara Stonhill passed away during the summer holidays. Sara's funeral was in the holiday and it was a measure of the esteem and love in which she was held that the crematorium was overflowing with people wishing to pay their respects.

Sara was a teacher at Puddletown First School from 2007 until her illness forced her to retire in 2014. Sara was a remarkable teacher who was able to get the best from every child she worked with. She was held in the highest esteem by parents and her colleagues and was genuinely loved by the children.

Whilst her loss is keenly felt by her friends and colleagues our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time.

We have taken the decision not to hold a special assembly at school for Sara as most of our current children would not remember her directly but will be looking at ways to commemorate Sara in our community in time. I am however aware that many of our children have siblings who were taught by Sara and that you will want to inform and support them. I have been in touch with both Mr Ayling at St Mary's Middle School and Mr Foley at Thomas Hardy School and we will be informing Sara's past students.

Much of the influence Sara had at Puddletown First School lives on and we can do no more to honour her name than to continue to consistently strive to do the very best for the children that you place in our care.

Yours sincerely,

D Hunwick