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Headteacher: Amie James

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Dear Parents and Carers of Giraffes and Zebras,

I am writing to make you aware of the wonderful news that Miss Hives is expecting her first baby and will be leaving us to begin her maternity leave on Friday 21st June 2024.

Miss Hives is a lovely class teacher and has given the Giraffes a fabulous start to their school life whilst building wonderful relationships with both them and yourselves.
Whilst Miss Hives is on maternity leave, she will be greatly missed by her team and all of us here and we wish her the very BEST of luck.

After careful consideration, we have decided that we will be restructuring our reception staff team and Miss Larkins and Mrs Wadsworth will both be working full time to cover the teaching of Giraffes and Zebras.

Mrs Wadsworth will remain with Zebras and Miss Larkins will look after Giraffes until the end of the school year (approximately 4 weeks).

Both teachers already work closely with all children in reception and are familiar adults to the children already. This decision therefore means we can ensure a smooth handover and maintain the quality of your child's education.

I understand that this may be unexpected news for the children and yourselves, but I would like to reassure you that all the team will work incredibly hard to ensure we continue to support their well-being and learning for the duration of the school year.
We are all incredibly excited and can't wait to welcome a new addition to the Barn family- I am sure you will also feel this way and you will share your warm wishes with Miss Hives.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Amie James
Headteacher