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Dear Jellyfish Parents,

RE: Jelly Fish Weekly Update – 11th Febraury

We understand that change is hard for pupils and all members of the school community and we really are doing our best to try and keep things as stable as possible for the children in Jellyfish, in Mrs Lovell's absence.

We know that having a different supply teacher everyday is not ideal and it is for this reason that we are working with Mr MacTear to ensure that there is stability and consistency in the classroom and the learning is still of a good quality.

To help with the learning in the afternoons we are deploying a teaching assistant to be in that class every afternoon until Mrs Lovell's return.

Mr MacNicol has been planning all of the work in Jellyfish since the start of Mrs Lovell's absence. This ensures that children in both year 5 classes are having the same entitlement to the curriculum.

We are very fortunate that Mr MacTear also stays behind after school to mark all of the children's work, this is a rarity when a supply teacher is contracted. He brings with him a wealth of experience having previously taught with us in all key stages. Mr MacTear comes highly recommended and his supply agency have said just this week that he is one of their most sought after supply teachers. However, we know that Mrs Lovell's shoes are hard shoes to fill.

To reassure you, leaders complete learning walks everyday in Jellyfish and the children are happy and learning. Next term, if Mrs Lovell has not returned; we will update you weekly on the learning which is being covered in class.

Mr MacNicol has also kindly agreed to hold informal parents evenings with you all if this is something which you would like. These will be held on Tuesday and Thursday 26th and 28th February. He will be able to talk through the children's learning in their books and explain the planning behind it. I will also attend these meetings to support Mr MacNicol, as again, this is a teacher going 'above and beyond' to support the continuing stability and continuity for Jellyfish.

Once again parents can book appointments online by following the link on our website or by typing the following address into your web-browser: www.ryeprimary.parentseveningsystem.co.uk. No login codes are needed just your name, an email address and your child's name and date of birth. If you cannot access the internet then please call into the school office and we will be able to make the booking for you.

As we do not yet know when Mrs Lovell is likely to return, please continue to talk to us if you are at all concerned. We will do everything we can to ensure the ongoing happiness and high quality of education of all of our pupils, including Jellyfish.

The Senior Leadership Team, Mr Blakelock, Mrs Nice and I, are putting in daily measures to manage the change's brought about by Mrs. Lovell's absence. We continue to send her our best wishes for a full recovery so that Jellyfish can once again benefit from her teaching expertise. I am sure you feel the same way. In the meantime, we appreciate your continued support during this period.

Yours sincerley,

The Senior Leadership Team.