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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great sadness that we write to you with the very sad news that Miss Butler passed away peacefully yesterday.

Miss Butler has been away from school since last Summer after an operation and had been making a slow recovery. However recent complications led to a sudden change in her condition, and she was taken to a hospice for end-of-life care and sadly passed away yesterday.

Miss Butler was passionate about our work with young people in Leigh Park, having worked in our school and at Wakefords, the predecessor of Staunton school (more recently Havant Academy), for over 40 years.

Many children have benefitted from Miss Butler's maths teaching going all the way back to the end of the 1970s. In addition, her superb organisational skills were used to lead trips to Disney for over ten years and support in the smooth running of exams.

We will all miss Miss Butler's many contributions to our school. We know many parents will have been taught by Miss Butler and current students will be affected in different ways by her loss.

When we return to school next week, support will be made available for any students, staff and parents who need it via a drop-in after school. There will also be a book of condolence in the reception area of The Dickinson Centre available for anyone to pop in and sign from Monday, 31 October.

We are sorry to share this sad news with you over half term, but know many of you will want to know this news as soon as possible and take time to remember Miss Butler for her unwavering dedication and support to our school and its community.

Yours faithfully



Christopher Anders
Headteacher



Ella Capaldi
Head of School

