



11th May 2020

Dear parents/carers and children

It is with a very heavy heart that I wish to inform you that our dear Lizzie died on the 16th of April after a long battle with cancer. She died at home, in Devon, surrounded by her family and loved ones.



It is hard to find words to express how devastated we all are. Her professionalism, enthusiasm and profound sense of care towards the children, their families and colleagues made a real difference to so many lives. She was always so full of life and positivity, brightening up every room she came into and approaching everything with a smile. Her joyful humour and her nurturing spirit will be in our hearts forever. She was a true champion for every child in the school; she was their voice and fought hard to enable every single child to achieve and have high aspirations for themselves.

Her legacy will carry on here at Virginia, once we are able to, we will organise an event to celebrate her life and will arrange for a memorial.

Should you wish to, her family have asked for any donations to be made to Rowcroft charity. This is the hospice that provided Lizzie and her family with care and support.

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, acting head teacher