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Dear Parents/Carers

Many of you will have been saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs Kerry Pratt, who dedicated **40 years** of her life to Purbrook Infant School.

Throughout her four decades with us, Mrs Pratt touched the lives of countless children, families and colleagues. Her kindness, warmth and unwavering commitment to our school community meant so much to so many, and she will be remembered with great affection.

Mrs Pratt was a keen gardener and as a school, we would like to create a lasting tribute in Mrs Pratts memory by planting an '**Amanogawa**' (columnar flowering cherry) tree within the school grounds. This beautiful tree produces stunning pink blossom each spring, flowering around the time of Mrs Pratt's birthday each year. Its elegant, upright shape also makes it an ideal choice for our school grounds, providing a lasting reminder of Mrs Pratt for generations of children to come.

If members of our school community would like to contribute towards this memorial, and many have asked if they can, we would be very grateful. Any additional funds received will be used to provide a suitable commemorative plaque and to help maintain the memorial in the years ahead.

There is absolutely no expectation to contribute, but we know that many families whose children were fortunate enough to know Mrs Pratt, or who simply wish to recognise her remarkable service to our school, may welcome the opportunity to do so.

If you would like to make a donation, please send it to the school via your child's class teacher in a clearly marked envelope labelled '**Mrs Pratt Memorial Fund**'.

Thank you for helping us honour someone who gave so much to our school community. We hope this tree will provide a beautiful and lasting tribute to Mrs Pratt's life, dedication and the difference she made to so many.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret  
**Headteacher**

