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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that we must inform you that the much-loved horse chestnut tree on our school grounds, which has been a familiar and cherished part of our school community for decades, will need to be felled during the February half-term.

A recent professional tree health check has confirmed that the tree is diseased. Unfortunately, the only safe option is for it to be removed. This decision has not been taken lightly, and we are extremely upset to lose such a longstanding feature of our playground.

The safety of our children, staff, and wider community must always come first, and this action is necessary to ensure everyone can continue to enjoy the school grounds safely.

We are considering future plans for the space, but the immediate priority is the tree's safe removal. Any work to replace or reimagine this area is likely to take place during the summer holidays.

We understand that the playground will look and feel different without this iconic tree, but we remain committed to maintaining a happy, engaging, and safe environment for all children.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We will keep you updated on plans for the space and any further developments.

Kind Regards

Sarah Clements
Headteacher