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Dear Parents,

Further to previous updates, I am extremely pleased to advise that Mrs Debbie Shepherd has been officially appointed to continue as Acting Head Teacher from 2nd January 2021 until the end of the school year. This will give the school continued stability while we seek a permanent Head Teacher to begin in September 2021.

I would like to thank Debbie for all her hard work and dedication, keeping the school running so smoothly throughout this transition period. The governors look forward to working with Debbie and all the staff for the remainder of this school year.

Although Richard Clarke's last day is 1st January, he had hoped to pop in to say goodbye before then. Unfortunately, this is now not possible but he hopes to be able to say goodbye at some point in the future.

Richard was Head Teacher for 7 years and saw the school move to and maintain a "Good" Ofsted rating. Kind and enthusiastic, he always had the best interests of the children as his priority and went out of his way to provide as many opportunities for broader learning as possible in a small country school. He introduced the Forest School and forged links with other local schools for sports activities, and he ensured The Bythams was a happy and creative learning environment. Richard will be very much missed – at the school gates, and in the classroom, and we wish him all the very best in the future.

Have a safe and peaceful Christmas.

Jeremy Millar

Chairman of governors

