



January 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope you had a great Christmas break and 2024 has started well for you.

There was some awful weather around over the holidays but at least the rain has finally stopped and with three months to go before Easter, the shops have already started stocking Easter eggs which is great for early planners! (Does it get earlier every year?)

Retirement

In the summer, I will be retiring from Belper School. I have been in education for nearly 35 years (*that's 20 years before most of our students were born – I didn't realise I was that old!*), and a Headteacher for 15 years, so am ready for a change! The school is in a really good place, after some considerable developments over the last 5 years, and it seems a positive time for me to move on.

The Governors will be advertising the role very soon and expect to have my replacement appointed well before Easter. Over the next few months, I will do everything I can to ensure a smooth transition to set up the new Headteacher for the school's continued success. Students will be informed in assemblies next week.

Weather

The weather forecast for January suggests there could be some heavy snow towards the second half of the month. There has already been disruption caused by snow in some parts of the country and it looks like January will be very cold.

Longer range forecasts are always "guesstimates" but it is important to plan for all eventualities. Please ensure we have the correct mobile numbers for you in case we have to send out emergency texts and I will keep you updated as the forecasts become more concrete.

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support and I hope 2024 is a very happy and successful year for you.

With my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'NGoforth'.

Nick Goforth
Headteacher