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Dear Parents and Carers,

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I am writing to share some personal news with you.

After much thought and careful consideration, I have decided that I will retire from my role as Headteacher at the end of the Autumn Term and will leave the school at Christmas.

This has not been an easy decision. It has been a privilege to lead this wonderful school and to work alongside such talented staff, dedicated governors, supportive families and, most importantly, our remarkable children. I am incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together and of the caring, ambitious and inclusive community that makes our school such a special place.

My decision to retire has been influenced by a significant family circumstance. In March, my grandson was born with Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID), a rare condition that means his immune system is unable to fight infection effectively. As a result, he has had to live in isolation and will continue to do so until possibly December while he receives treatment and specialist care.

This experience has reminded me of the importance of family and of making the most of precious time together. I would like to be able to spend more time supporting my family and creating special memories with my grandson as he continues his journey towards better health.

Although I am looking forward to this new chapter, I will be very sad to leave a school community that has meant so much to me. It has been a privilege to share in the children's achievements, celebrations and milestones, and I will take many happy memories with me. September will be the start of my 10th academic year at Tenbury and I would like to thank everyone who has helped to give Tenbury Primary such a special place in my heart.

The governing body and our academy trust, the DHMAT, will communicate with you in due course regarding arrangements for the appointment of a new Headteacher and to ensure a smooth transition for the school.

Thank you for your kindness, support and trust during my time here. It has been an honour to serve this community, and I look forward to enjoying the remainder of the year with the children, staff and families before I say goodbye at Christmas.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kerri Phelps'.

Kerri Phelps
Headteacher