

CROFTON NEWS - April 2021

During his last 'View from the Governing Body,' Mr. Allen spoke of his delight that the children were returning back to school.

I can say that in the period after writing this piece, he was really heartened, as were all the staff, in the manner in which the children returned following the latest and hopefully final period of lockdown. The children as a whole have been so much more settled and adapted immediately to their usual school routine. It was clear for all to see that the level of engagement with the live online sessions really benefitted the children not only academically but in terms of their learning behaviours. In some ways, we were quite frustrated that the Easter break came along when it did, as we felt that an extended period of time in school really would have embedded the routines and expectations once more, which would, in turn, have allowed the children to make even greater strides with their academic progress.

We will miss Mr Allen sharing his view with us every month amongst many things. The children will also miss his many visits. A number of pupils who heard of his passing commented that 'he was the nice man who always smiled when he came into our classroom.' I think Mr Allen would be delighted to have left that lasting impression.

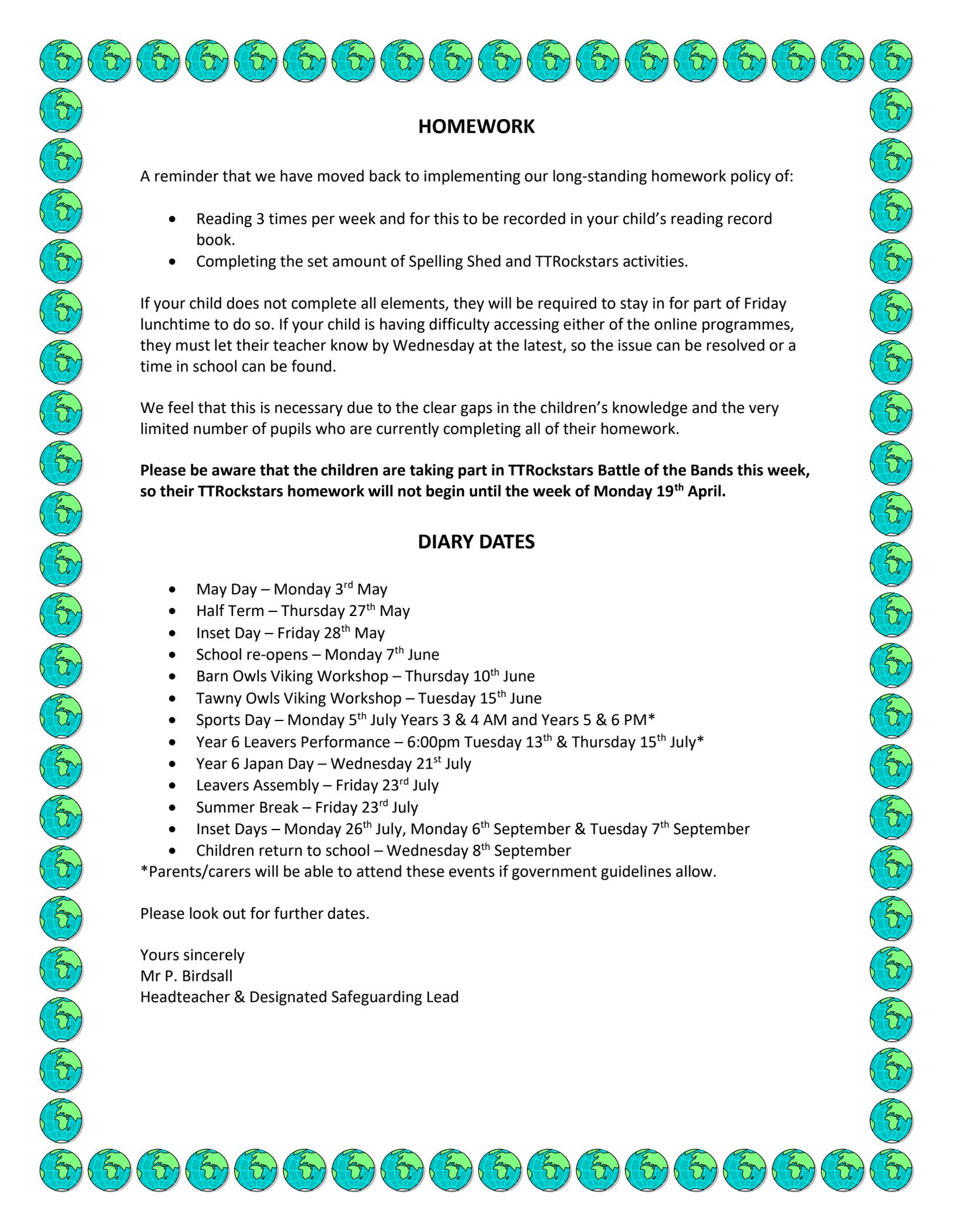
STAFFING

I am delighted to be able to announce that we have employed two new teachers who will be joining us in September. They are Miss Evans and Mrs Scott. Both are greatly looking forward to working with the children and staff and I have no doubt that they will be fantastic additions to our school.

I will share with you the staffing structure for the next academic year after the half term break, which will then allow the children lots of time to look forward to their new teacher. It will also enable us to make the transition process as comprehensive as possible.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you feel that as a result of changes in your home circumstances, that your child(ren) is eligible for free school meals, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will support you in this process.



HOMEWORK

A reminder that we have moved back to implementing our long-standing homework policy of:

- Reading 3 times per week and for this to be recorded in your child's reading record book.
- Completing the set amount of Spelling Shed and TTRockstars activities.

If your child does not complete all elements, they will be required to stay in for part of Friday lunchtime to do so. If your child is having difficulty accessing either of the online programmes, they must let their teacher know by Wednesday at the latest, so the issue can be resolved or a time in school can be found.

We feel that this is necessary due to the clear gaps in the children's knowledge and the very limited number of pupils who are currently completing all of their homework.

Please be aware that the children are taking part in TTRockstars Battle of the Bands this week, so their TTRockstars homework will not begin until the week of Monday 19th April.

DIARY DATES

- May Day – Monday 3rd May
- Half Term – Thursday 27th May
- Inset Day – Friday 28th May
- School re-opens – Monday 7th June
- Barn Owls Viking Workshop – Thursday 10th June
- Tawny Owls Viking Workshop – Tuesday 15th June
- Sports Day – Monday 5th July Years 3 & 4 AM and Years 5 & 6 PM*
- Year 6 Leavers Performance – 6:00pm Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th July*
- Year 6 Japan Day – Wednesday 21st July
- Leavers Assembly – Friday 23rd July
- Summer Break – Friday 23rd July
- Inset Days – Monday 26th July, Monday 6th September & Tuesday 7th September
- Children return to school – Wednesday 8th September

*Parents/carers will be able to attend these events if government guidelines allow.

Please look out for further dates.

Yours sincerely
Mr P. Birdsall
Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead