

CROFTON NEWS - MAY 2022

VIEW FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely Easter break and welcome everyone back to school for the summer term; it really is amazing how quick the academic year goes!

It is a lovely time of year in school and I know all the staff have some wonderful events planned such as our very first Art Week where all the children will go to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park for inspiration before sharing their work with you all in a parents' exhibition. These such events are things that we have missed not being able to organise over the last 2 years but are incredibly important parts of the school curriculum.

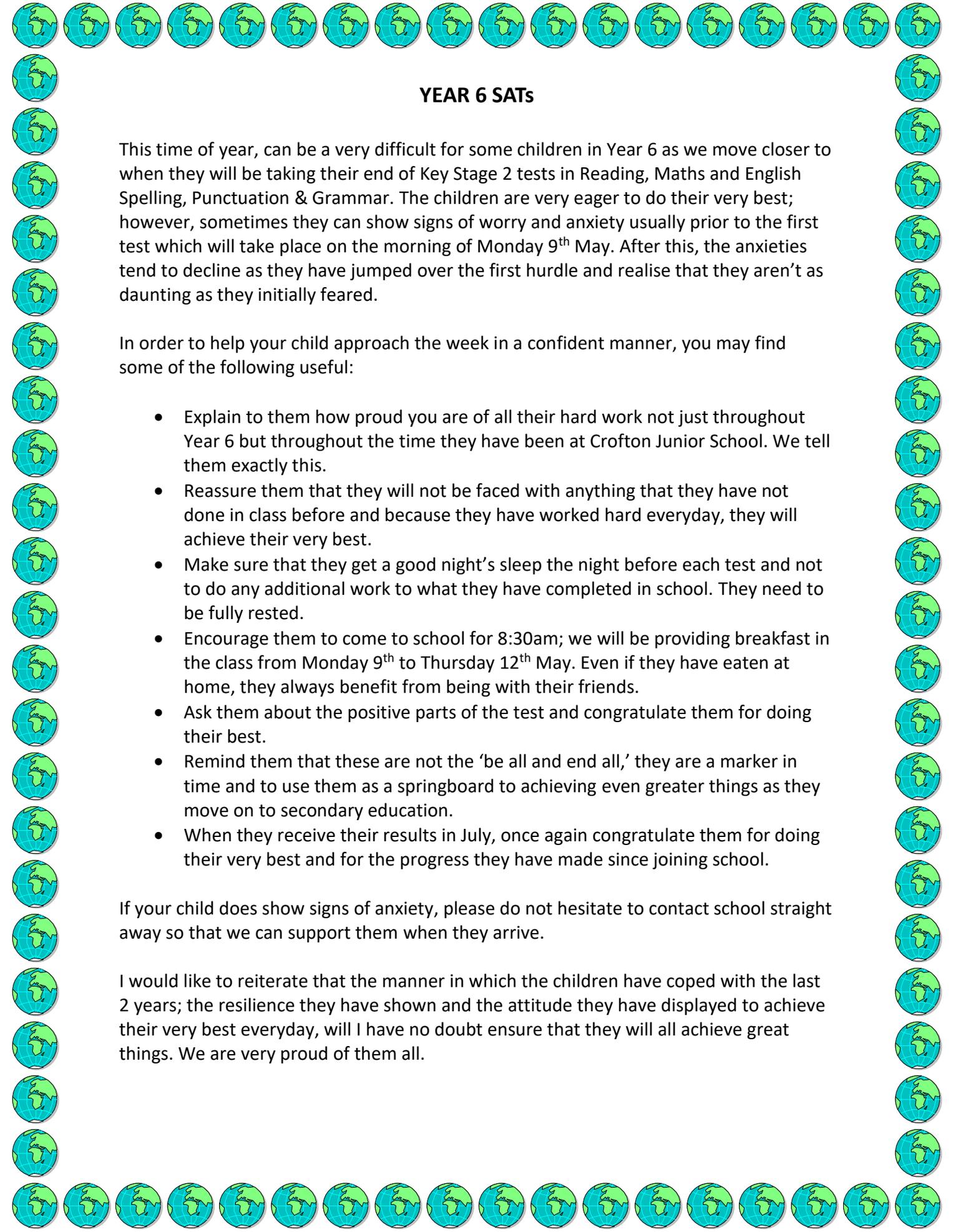
It is also the time of the year that we begin to look forward to the next academic year. We are in the process of agreeing our staffing structure in line with our budget, which I know Mr Birdsall will share with you shortly. We are also in the process of finalising transition arrangements for the new Year 3 children joining school in September, the current Year 6 children joining their next school as well as internal year group transition. In doing so, the following dates have been agreed:

- New Year 3 children to join school for the day and internal transition day – Tuesday 5th July
- Crofton Academy transition day for current Year 6 pupils – Tuesday 5th July
*Those children not transitioning to Crofton Academy are to come to school as normal
- New to Year 3 parents' meeting – 6:00pm Tuesday 5th July
- Second new to Year 3 and internal transition day – Thursday 7th July

I would like to welcome Mrs Mulroy back to school who will be working in Tawny Owl Class every Thursday and Friday throughout the summer term while Mrs Webster is on maternity leave. It is reassuring to be able to call upon someone who knows school so well in circumstances like this.

Finally, I am delighted to be able to say how well the children have adapted to the 'normal routine' which has been reintroduced to school following the Easter. Mr Birdsall has reported how lovely it has been to see the children mixing together once again as a whole school community.

Yours sincerely
Mrs S. Borman
Chair of Governors



YEAR 6 SATs

This time of year, can be a very difficult for some children in Year 6 as we move closer to when they will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 tests in Reading, Maths and English Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar. The children are very eager to do their very best; however, sometimes they can show signs of worry and anxiety usually prior to the first test which will take place on the morning of Monday 9th May. After this, the anxieties tend to decline as they have jumped over the first hurdle and realise that they aren't as daunting as they initially feared.

In order to help your child approach the week in a confident manner, you may find some of the following useful:

- Explain to them how proud you are of all their hard work not just throughout Year 6 but throughout the time they have been at Crofton Junior School. We tell them exactly this.
- Reassure them that they will not be faced with anything that they have not done in class before and because they have worked hard everyday, they will achieve their very best.
- Make sure that they get a good night's sleep the night before each test and not to do any additional work to what they have completed in school. They need to be fully rested.
- Encourage them to come to school for 8:30am; we will be providing breakfast in the class from Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May. Even if they have eaten at home, they always benefit from being with their friends.
- Ask them about the positive parts of the test and congratulate them for doing their best.
- Remind them that these are not the 'be all and end all,' they are a marker in time and to use them as a springboard to achieving even greater things as they move on to secondary education.
- When they receive their results in July, once again congratulate them for doing their very best and for the progress they have made since joining school.

If your child does show signs of anxiety, please do not hesitate to contact school straight away so that we can support them when they arrive.

I would like to reiterate that the manner in which the children have coped with the last 2 years; the resilience they have shown and the attitude they have displayed to achieve their very best everyday, will I have no doubt ensure that they will all achieve great things. We are very proud of them all.

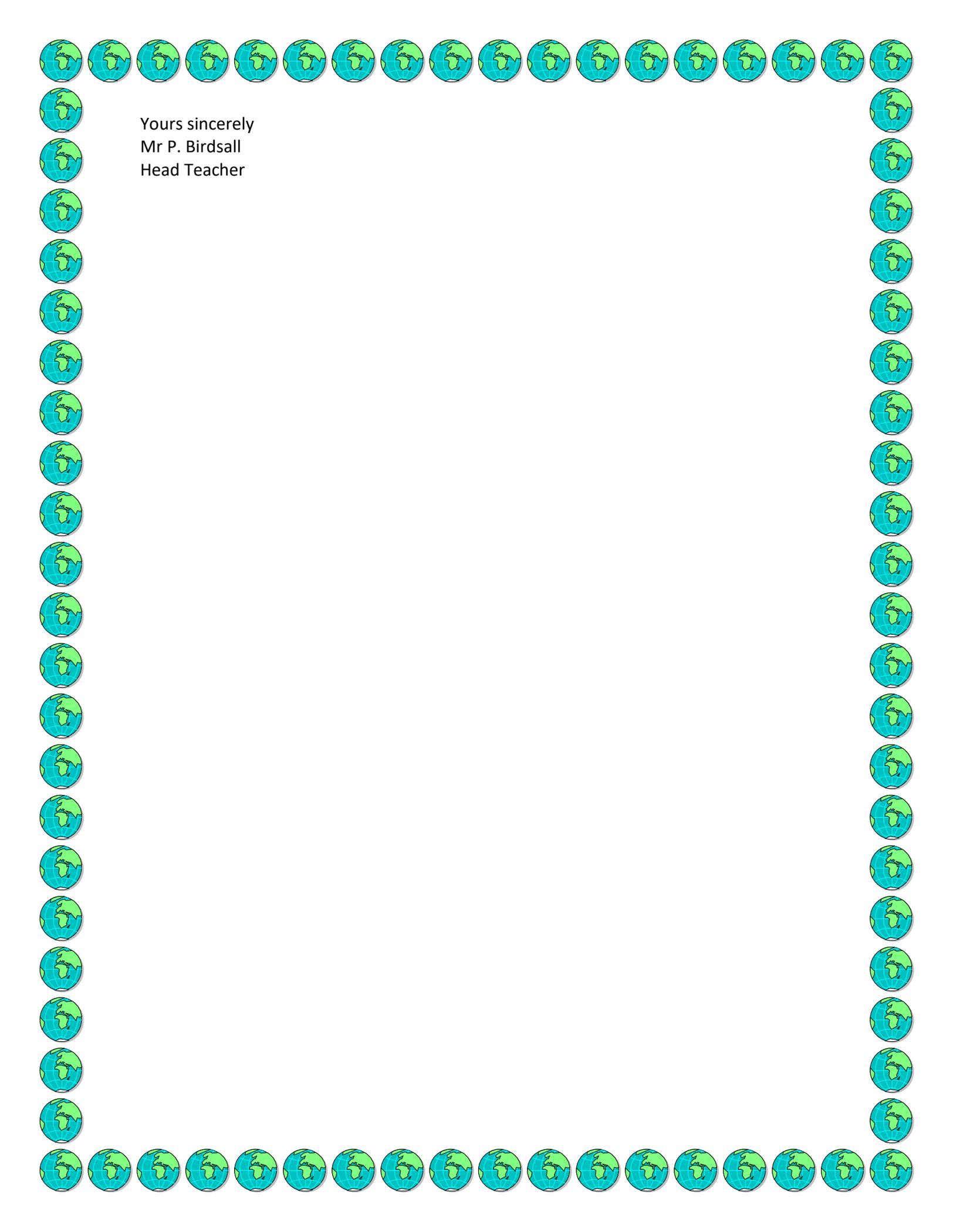


ATTENDANCE

In regard to Covid-19, the latest government guidance states: **ADD LATEST GUIDANCE**

DIARY DATES

- Elf Owls' Inspire – Wednesday 27th April
- Year 6 Robinwood Parents' Meeting – 6:30pm Wednesday 27th April
- Year 5 Mental Health Champions Programme Launch – Friday 29th April
- May Day – Monday 2nd May
- Year 5 Mental Health Champions Day – Tuesday 3rd May
- Snowy Owls' Inspire – Wednesday 4th May
- Team Point Winners Reward Afternoon – Friday 6th May
- Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May
- Year 6 visit to Robinwood – Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th May
- Barn Owls' Inspire – Wednesday 18th May
- Queen's Jubilee Street Party – Thursday 26th May *The children are asked to wear red, white & blue throughout the day
- Inset Day – Friday 27th May
- Half term – Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June
- Spotted Owls' Inspire – Wednesday 8th June
- Fire Safety Talks – Friday 17th June
- National Sports Week – Monday 20th – Friday 24th June
- Sports Day – Monday 20th June (Years 3&4 AM and Years 5&6 PM)
- Art Week – Monday 27th June – Friday 1st July
- Years 3 & 4 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park – Monday 27th June
- Years 5 & 6 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park – Tuesday 28th June
- Parents/carers Art Exhibition – 2:30pm Friday 1st July
- Transition Day & Crofton Academy Transition Day – Tuesday 5th July
- New to Year 3 Parents' Meeting – 6:00pm Tuesday 5th July
- New to Year 7 Crofton Academy Parents' Evening – Wednesday 6th July
- Second Transition Day – Thursday 7th July
- Year 6 Road Safety Talks – Thursday 7th July
- Year 4 Visit to Flamborough – 8:15am – 4:30pm Friday 8th July
- Year 6 Bikeability – Monday 4th – Wednesday 13th July
- Year 6 Road Safety session – Thursday 7th July
- Leaver's Assembly – Friday 22nd July
- Summer break – Friday 22nd July
- Inset Day – Monday 25th July



Yours sincerely
Mr P. Birdsall
Head Teacher