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Y6 SATS

To Parent/Carers,

With SATs week slowly approaching I wanted to send a letter to inform you of how the week will work.

SATs are statutory tests that all Year 6 children, who are in maintained schools, are required to take. They are a measure of academic attainment and indicate whether a child is working at the national expected standard for Year 6 in English and Maths. SATs are externally marked with the results sent back to the school before the summer holidays; the results also go to your child's secondary school to support transition and they are used by the Government as a progress measure of GCSEs.

Over the past few months, the children have been given the opportunity to try lots of test style questions and we have worked extremely hard to prepare our children as much as possible. The children will feel comfortable with the layout as they are familiar with working with old SATs papers. They have taken part in 'mock tests' so they understand what test conditions look like. During the assessments, we hope that our children feel as comfortable as possible.

SATs Week Timetable

The assessments will be carried out in the morning and the length of the assessments are indicated below.

- **Monday 11th May:** Spellings (15mins) & Punctuation and Grammar (45mins)
- **Tuesday 12th May:** English Reading (1hour)
- **Wednesday 13th May:** Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic (30mins) & Maths Paper 2 - Reasoning (40mins)
- **Thursday 14th May:** Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning (40mins)

In the afternoons, we will partake in creative activities or sports so they have time to relax before the tests the next day.

Absences or Illness:

We ask that all children are in school during SATs week. Ensuring your child is present allows them to showcase their hard work and effort throughout the year. However, if your child is ill during SATs week, please notify us immediately and we will work with you to explore alternative arrangements. If a child is absent on one of the days of a test, they are not allowed to be reintegrated into the class until the test has been completed.



Where do they take place?

The SATs tests will take place in the classroom. For some children they will be in a quiet space within the school. The children have experienced some 'mock' papers in these settings so that they are familiar to them during SATs week.

Should my child be worried about SATs?

While their SATs are important because of their link to secondary schools, as a school we very much encourage the children to 'try their very best' and to be resilient in their approach even if they find some aspects of the tests challenging. We talk openly and honestly about why these tests are important to them and to us as a school. It is a time when the children can really show their learning and celebrate their successes in the core areas of Maths and English. With this being said as a school we believe the SATs results do not define your child; they thrive in so many other areas within their personal characteristics, such as kindness and integrity, that cannot be measured in a test.

SATS Breakfast

During SATs week, I would like to invite all of the Year 6 children to attend a SATs Morning Breakfast club which will begin on Monday 11th at 8.15am. The children can choose from an option of continental breakfast, including croissants, pain au chocolate, toast and fruit. In the past, the SATs breakfast has helped the children relax before the assessments ahead and we would encourage all children to attend. There is no charge for the breakfast club and the children do not have to eat the breakfast offered, but I would encourage them to be in school earlier so they can have time to settle.

Preparing your child:

Above all, healthy happy children, who have had a good night's sleep will be more focused when it comes to taking the tests.

Results:

Results are sent back to the school in July, sometimes this is spoken about on the news so you will know the specific day. Once the papers have been returned to school there is a window for us to check the papers and query anything. You will receive the results alongside your child's end of year school report.

The tests will be given the following scores:

- A raw score (the total number of marks achieved for each paper)
- A scaled score (explained below)
- A judgement of whether the National Standard has been met

When the scaled score is given, it is given from a range from 80-120. A scaled score of 100 or more is meeting the national expected standard for the end of Year 6.

A score of 110 or higher is considered a particularly high score.

There is no test in Writing or Science, but children will receive a teacher assessed mark in these subjects to explain if they are working at the age expected standard or not.



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I hope this information has answered many of your questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards,

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