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Dear Parent/Carer.

SATs week is due to take place in schools Tuesday 9 May – Friday 12 May. During this week, a range of tests will be administered to assess children in a range of subjects outlined below:

Tuesday 9 May – Grammar and Punctuation: Paper 1; Spelling: Paper 2. Wednesday 10 May – Reading Thursday 11 May – Mathematics Arithmetic: Paper 1; and Reasoning: Paper 2 Friday 12 May – Mathematics Reasoning: Paper 3.

Children are very much prepared for the tests and have worked incredibly hard over the academic year to learn Year 6 curriculum content, and revisit Y3-5 learning to consolidate their understanding.

The SATs are a snapshot of what children have learnt in primary school and the results depend on how well they perform on the day. As teachers that work with your children, we can honestly say that every child has made fantastic progress this academic year. We are proud of the hard work and resilience they have shown in preparing for the tests.

How will the tests be marked?

All the test papers are sent away to be marked. Children will be given standardised scores for Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Maths. In order to achieve the expected standard at the end of Key Stage 2, your child will need to achieve a standardised score of 100. Results will be shared with parents in the end of year report.

How to support your child

It is essential that your child attends school every day so that they do not miss any learning. Please ensure that your child arrives on time (8:30am if they are not attending the SATs breakfast). The weekend before the tests, please support your child to relax. We appreciate that this falls on the weekend of the King's Coronation, and therefore celebrations may be planned in. Please ensure that children are provided with opportunities to rest and that they have an **early night on the Monday** to support them for the week ahead.

Year 6 teachers will be providing holiday challenges for children during the Easter halfterm for children to keep their learning ticking over during the two weeks; the holiday challenges run for 10 days and take approximately 10 minutes to complete each day.





SATs breakfast club

Each morning of the SATs (Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 May), we will be running a breakfast club for Year 6 pupils **starting at 8.15am** to help prepare and relax the children. All the Year 6 team will be there to make sure children feel ready for the test that day. During this time, children will have the opportunity to check-in with key adults for positive messages and support.

A variety of food choices will be on offer during the breakfast club, which will take place in the top hall. Children should enter school from reception, where they will be registered and greeted by a member of staff.

Should you wish for your child to attend, please complete the permission form via the Microsoft Forms link:

Permission form

We kindly ask for the donation of £2, or 50pm daily for the provision of SATs breakfast club. This can be handed in to class teachers on the week of SATs.

Positivity Post

Prior to children sitting their assessments, we would like them to receive a positive message with words of encouragement from yourselves as parent/carer. We know that children will really appreciate reading your messages prior to sitting their SATs to boost morale.

An example of a message might look like this:

To...

We are so proud of everything you have achieved so far. You have worked so hard and we know you will be great. Remember to try your best – that is all you can do. Thinking of you and sending you lots of positive thoughts throughout the week.

Love ...

We ask that you provide this message for your child via the Microsoft Forms link below: Positivity Post

The Microsoft Forms link should be completed by Friday 28 April to provide teachers with time to print the messages on to a postcard.

We would like to keep your messages as a surprise for the children until the day they receive their postcards on Tuesday 9 May. Throughout the week, children will receive further 'positivity post' from members of staff, including senior leadership.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Year 6 Team.

