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Year 6 SATs Week – Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May 2023

Dear Year 6 families,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable long bank holiday weekend. We are now only one week away from KS2 SATs week, so there are a few pieces of important information that I would like to remind you of and share.

Reminders:

Year 6 SATs week will commence on Tuesday 9th May 2023 and the tests will be completed on the following days:

Tuesday 9th May 2023	Wednesday 10th May 2023	Thursday 11th May 2023	Friday 12th May 2023
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 & 2	English – Reading	Maths – Arithmetic Maths - Reasoning 1	Maths – Reasoning 2

The children are well-rehearsed in what is involved with these tests and we will be running the testing week as closely to the mock testing weeks that we have had this year. Children will mainly be in class unless they usually work elsewhere day-to-day or for their tests.

Some children will receive some additional time to complete their papers as it is been identified by our Year 6 teachers and SENCO that they would benefit from this arrangement. Again, this has been part of normal testing practice and thorough testing has been conducted to ensure that they do not receive an unfair advantage over their peers. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Samantha Burns, our SENCO.

Year 6 Breakfast Club:

To make sure that all children in Year 6 are at school on time with full stomachs, we will be running a breakfast club each morning from 8:15am.

This is completely free of charge and open to all Year 6 children to give them an opportunity to eat and relax with their friends before their tests.

We will be serving a selection of breakfast items including cereal, toast, pastries, fruit juices and milk. If your child has breakfast at home and does not want to eat at school, they are still welcome to attend Year 6 breakfast club from 8:15am.

Please send your children in through the main office door for the Year 6 breakfast club at 8:15am.



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Supporting your child:

This is a reminder for you and your children that while the SATs are an important time for Year 6 children and schools, they do not give a definitive answer about how good they are at English or maths, and do not tell us how good they will be at these subjects in the future. They also do not tell us how accomplished the children are in other important areas of the curriculum such as humanities (geography, history, R.E.), sports or the arts. The tests are designed to be a snapshot of what the children can do at the end of Year 6 before moving up to their high schools.

During SATs week:

- **Acknowledge** the effort and progress that your children have made, including what they can do now that they couldn't do at the beginning of Year 6. It shows the children how far they've come and that with hard work, they can improve and learn new things, which is a key message that we want them to take to high school.
- **Wind down!** Your children have put in the hard work and it is now time for them to show they can do it.
- **Try not to break from routine.** It will be best to keep the week of SATs week as normal as possible – try not to cancel music lessons, after-school football club or an evening with family. These things should still happen if possible.
- **Keep healthy.** Encourage your children to eat well, drink plenty of water, get some fresh air each day and go to bed at a reasonable time so they get plenty of sleep – we want the children to feel their best for what is going to be a tiring week for them.

After SATs week:

- **Don't dwell!** Once they're done, they're done and worrying about them will not change the result – we know that our children will try their very best and that's all that matters.
- **Celebrate!** Once the tests are over, it is a good idea to celebrate the hard work and preparation that has gone into the tests.

While the tests are important and we encourage your children to use this opportunity to show off all that they are capable of, we believe that all of our Year 6 children are special and have achieved so much this year.

If you have any questions or concerns at all between now and Tuesday 9th May, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or the Year 6 team. Otherwise, we will see all Year 6 children bright and early on the 9th May.

Best wishes,

Mr Adam Potter – Head of School