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## Year 6 SATs

Dear Year 6 families,

Happy New Year. We hope that you have had an enjoyable break. This is rather a long letter but it contains some important information regarding the end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs), so please read it right through to the end so important information is not missed!

**The first important message is that all children must be at school during the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

**SATs Week 2024 is MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY UNTIL THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

Over this period, the Year 6 children will sit six different tests in the following order:

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 & 2	English - Reading	Maths – Arithmetic Maths - Reasoning 1	Maths – Reasoning 2

As mentioned at the beginning of the letter, these are statutory assessments which all Year 6s across the country will take part in. The children will be thoroughly prepared for this week by our brilliant school staff through excellent teaching, targeted intervention and revision groups. They have already taken part in 'practise SATs weeks' and will have other practise SATs weeks before May. This is so the children are as relaxed about it as possible, with there being no surprises come the 'real deal' in May.

In addition to this, we shall be running a parent meeting this term to guide you through past papers and how we will support your children throughout this academic year and the testing process; you will of course have plenty of opportunity to speak to us about the tests. Details for this are further below.

### Timetable Changes

In order to best prepare your children for the end of Key Stage 2 SATs, there will be occasions between now and the SATs week in May where there are changes to the weekly timetable. This is because we shall be providing some additional Maths and English lessons to support any gaps in learning and give your children opportunity to practise any areas of learning that they are struggling with.

Your child will still be taking part in P.E. lessons each week and will continue their science, history and geography learning as usual. Their mental health and wellbeing will also be supported through our ongoing nurture provision, PSHE learning and access to our learning mentors Miss Jones and Mrs Matthews. Your child will have regular opportunities to discuss how they are feeling about the SATs, and teachers will also spend time teaching test technique and coping strategies when faced with feelings such as worry.

Please rest assured that after the SATs are complete in May, the children will return to their full curriculum and will more than make up for anything that they have missed out on due to the amendment of the timetable.



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### **Homework – CGP Books**

All children will be provided with CGP work books to support their learning. Children will be given weekly tasks to complete and these will also be communicated with you via text. Please follow this up with your child. The books will remain in school, but your child will bring home pages that they need to work on to consolidate their learning.

Maths and SPAG tasks will come home on a Monday, be returned on a Friday and then marked together in class that day.

### **Meeting for Year 6 Parents/Carers**

On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** the Year 6 team will be running a SATs meeting – all parents and carers of Year 6 children are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting will be on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 3:30pm and then again at 4:30pm** and will run for approximately half an hour, with refreshments available and plenty of time for questions and discussion afterwards. Both sessions will provide the same information, therefore you not need to attend both.

The Year 6 teachers will be sharing information about the schedule for SATs week, how it will run, what your child will be expected to do and what we would like you to do as their parents and carers to support them. You will also have opportunity to view past SATs papers to familiarise yourself with what the children are working hard towards.

### **In summary:**

- **Please make note of the dates for SATs week – children must attend school during these days.**
- **Watch out for the paper letter coming home regarding revision clubs.**
- **Please support your children with their CGP homework tasks if possible or encourage your child to attend Homework Club with Mrs Stephenson on a Tuesday if this is something that can't be done at home.**
- **Book onto the Year 6 parent/carer meeting so we can make sure we have enough refreshments for all.**

Thank you as always for your understanding – we appreciate that this is a lot of information so please do not hesitate to approach us should you have any questions.

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