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Dear Parents and Carers

As you know your child in Year 6 will be undertaking SATs during next week.

Whilst these tests are an indicator of a child's attainment at this point in their educational journey, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that they are only one measure of your child's ability and are read alongside a range of other criteria including: teacher assessment of classwork (which we are also required to report officially); attitude to learning; effort in school and wider participation in activities both within and outside of school, all of which we take into account when reporting to you and to your child's secondary school.

In this light, as I hope you will have recognised, we try our very best in school not to put undue emphasis or pressure on children with regards to the assessments and, while we obviously want your child to do their best, it is important that both they (and you) do not become overly anxious about them taking the tests or the outcomes.

At this stage, the best preparation for children, is for them to feel positive about their ability to do their best and be well rested for school.

Year 6 tests will be administered during the week beginning 13 May 2024 according to the following national timetable:

Date	Test
Monday 13 May	English Grammar Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1: Questions English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 2: Spelling
Tuesday 14 May	English Reading
Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic Test Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 16 May	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning

It is therefore, vitally important that your child attends school all this week. All papers adhere to strict timings (apart from the Spelling element of Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) and are carried out under typical test conditions. For the majority of children, these tests will take place in Ash Class or the school hall. Some children will have separate 'access arrangements' which take into account their specific needs and will take their tests in a separate room.

The amount of support teachers are allowed to offer is strictly prescribed by the Standards Testing Agency and in all cases at least two adults will be present in a room to ensure that test conditions are met and are fair in each case.

During SATs week, children need to be well rested and have plenty of sleep, so they are able to perform to the best of their ability. It is really important for children to remain as calm and relaxed as possible during the test period. They have already worked hard in order to prepare for the tests so, during SATs week, please do not feel that they need to 'practise' using extra questions or papers at home and do not 'quiz' them about the tests once they are done.

SATs Breakfast Club will be available in Ash Class from 8.15am from Monday to Thursday during SATs week. Children can come into the classroom where there will be a range of breakfast type snacks and drinks available. They will be able to chat and watch cartoons so they are relaxed and ready to do their best in the tests. There is no charge for breakfast and children can arrive at any time after 8.15am to join in, or not, although most children generally find it a positive way to start the day. Children who are not sitting the SATS tests are still invited to come in for breakfast during this week.

When we have finished the tests for the day, there will be down time and relaxation and children are encouraged to bring in DVDs that are suitable to be watched at school (U or PG certificates). We will also spend time outside, so long as we have good weather. On Thursday, children are invited to bring party food into school.

We know that all of our children will try their best during their SATs and wish them the best of luck.

Should you have any concerns over the tests, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bradfield or myself.

Yours faithfully

Ben McPherson
Headteacher