Friday 26th April 2019

Dear Year 6 Parents,

As we are sure you are aware, SATs week (beginning Monday 13th May) is almost upon us. SATs are compulsory national tests that children take twice during their primary school life. First, at the end of Key Stage 1 (KS1) in Year 2 and then at the end of Key Stage 2 (KS2) in Year 6. These standardised tests are known as ‘End of Key Stage Tests and Assessments’, but most people know them as ‘SATs’. The KS2 tests are both set and marked externally and the results are used to measure a school’s performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables). Your child’s marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment. Please be aware that if your child misses any tests (due to illness or other circumstances) we are obliged by the government to give them the test to complete at the first possible convenience. This will include the Friday of SATs week (17th) meaning your child will unfortunately miss the trip to Chessington World of Adventures.

**SATS breakfast**

During SATs week the school will be offering breakfast to all of year 6 free of charge. Children are welcome to arrive from 8.00am to enjoy breakfast as a year group. Cereals, toast and beans, drinks etc will be offer.

**How you can help:**

- Ensure your child gets a good night’s sleep the weekend before and during SATs week.
- Remind your child it is just about ‘doing their best’ - try not to put too much pressure on your child and just encourage them to do as well as they can.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time.
- If your child is ill during SATs week, **you must inform the office as soon as possible** so we are aware and can rearrange for your child to re-sit the papers.
Further details regarding SATs:

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<td>Paper 1: SPAG 1</td>
<td>This paper requires short answers and lasts 45 minutes.</td>
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<td>Paper 2: SPAG 2 (Spelling)</td>
<td>This paper is an aural spelling test of 20 words, lasting around 15 minutes.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 14th May 2019</td>
<td>Reading Paper</td>
<td>A single paper with questions based on three passages of text. Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.</td>
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<td>Arithmetic</td>
<td>This paper consists of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division. 30 minutes.</td>
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<td>Reasoning 2</td>
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At the end of the summer term you will receive test results for:
• English grammar, punctuation and spelling
• English reading
• Mathematics

As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement teachers will make, based on your child’s work at the end of key stage 2.

We are very proud of how hard our Year 6’s have been working this year. They have all made good progress and have been excellent role models across the school. We wish them all the best in their SATs and know that no test paper shows each individual’s unique personality, skills and qualities.

Please do not hesitate to speak to us regarding any concerns or questions you may have.

The Year 6 Team.