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SATs Update/Y6 SATs Breakfast Club – w/c 9th May

Dear Y6 Parents/Carers,

I hope you're all keeping well and had a lovely Easter break. I can't quite believe that we've reached the summer term and there's only 8 school days before the children complete their KS2 SATs!

Over the next two weeks, the children will be completing various revision tasks and activities, as part of their final preparations, as well as having plenty of opportunities for other curriculum sessions during the afternoons.

The KS2 SATs begin 2 week today – **w/c 9th May** and are as follows:

- **Monday 9th May:**
 - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1)
 - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 2)
- **Tuesday 10th May:**
 - Reading
- **Wednesday 11th May:**
 - Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)
 - Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
- **Thursday 12th May:**
 - Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Y6 SATs Breakfast Club – Free of Charge

During SATs week (Monday – Thursday), I like to offer a specific Breakfast Club for all of Y6 to attend (which we strongly encourage your child to come to) to ensure they have full tummies before their tests as well as an opportunity to be with friends and feel nice and relaxed before the school day starts.

- From 7:45am, via the hall doors.
- Selection of cereals, toast, fruit juices, milk, water, beans on toast, fruit etc. (There will be bacon or sausage sarnies on the Thursday too!)
- This is **free** for **all** children. Even if your child wants to eat at home, they can eat in school too – it's unlimited. If they don't want to eat but just want to come, that's also fine.

How you can support your child over the next 2 weeks

Firstly, a positive attitude goes a long way – so as much encouragement and support as possible to ensure any worries they have can be put at ease.

Some further tips:

- direct any questions or concerns you have about the next few weeks to your child's Class Teacher, and we will do everything we can to answer/help;
- try to provide a quiet corner of the house for homework and study, that's as free from distractions as possible;
- encourage your child to talk to their teacher or another adult they trust if they express persisting anxieties about SATs. Remember that a small amount of anxiety is normal and not harmful;
- plan something nice and fun for the weekends before and after SATs – this will help your child start the week well and also give them something to look forward to;
- Attendance - ensure your child is in school every day during the next 2 weeks and is on time.
- Ensure your child has plenty of sleep each night.
- Ensure your child has breakfast and a bottle of water and a healthy snack every day.
- Very small doses of homework, balanced with breaks and physical activity.
- Communicate if there has been any upheaval or upset at home that may affect the pupil's access to or performance in the test.
- Promote the tests as positive – a chance to show off the hard work they have done in Year 6, so that they are High School ready.
- Let school know as early as possible if your child is ill during test week and if any special arrangements need to be made.
- Still have fun with them – keep rewarding them for their hard work in school!

Whilst we do encourage your children to take these tests seriously and use them to show off all that they are capable of, it is important to remember that all the children in Year 6 are special and unique irrespective of a test.

The value and worth of each child cannot be quantified by a test level and nor should it.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any member of the Y6 Team.

Kind regards,

Mr Welsh
Headteacher