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SATs Update

Dear Y6 Parents and Carers,

I hope you're all keeping well and are ready for the half term break. We now only have 10 school weeks left until we reach w/c 13th May 2024, when the tests will begin!

I am just writing to you with some key SATs dates and pieces of homework information for the coming holidays and halfterm.

The KS2 SATs begin – **w/c 13th May** and are as follows:

- Monday 13th May:
 - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1)
 - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 2)
- Tuesday 14th May:
 - Reading
- Wednesday 15th May:
 - Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)
 - Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
- Thursday 16th May:
 - Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Y6 Parents/Carers SATs Meeting - 5th March - 9am, 2:15pm or 5pm

Y6 Parents/Carers only need to attend one of the meeting times as it will be repeated each time but please do try to attend.

Y6 SATs Breakfast Club – Free of Charge

During SATs week (Monday - Friday), 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. The doors open from 7:45am, each day, and this is free for all children. More information to follow closer to SATs week.

Halfterm Homework

Over halfterm, the children will be bringing home a 'set of papers' to complete at their own leisure, over the holidays. We really encourage you to support your children with this work so their brains 'continue to tick' over the halfterm **but, of course,** we want them to have a well-deserved break and rest. You don't have to strictly time anything and, on average, they can work for between 45 minutes – 1 ½ hours (maximum) on these papers.

This homework should be sent into school by Wednesday 21st February 2024.

This website is also useful for extra Maths Arithmetic practice -

<https://mathsbot.com/primary/ks2Mini>

Reading Coach

All Y6 children are now expected to complete one weekly reading task, at home, which is uploaded to Microsoft Teams via the Reading Coach app. This is to practice their reading fluency and accuracy e.g. 100 words per minute in order to access age related texts. Y6 are aware that this is part of their weekly reading expectations for their bronze, silver and gold awards.

How you can support your child over the next few months

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 10 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!

Please find attached the Information for Parents provided by the Standards and Testing Agency. There is also some great information about KS2 SATS on the following website; <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/ks2-sats/> and I will write to you again, at the end of next half term, with some more information.

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