



Friday 4th May 2018

Dear Parents,

As you will be aware, the statutory SATs week for our Year 6 pupils takes place from Monday 14th May till Thursday 17th May 2018.

The timetable of tests is as follows:

Monday 14 th May	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1: Short questions English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 2: Spellings
Tuesday 15 th May	English Reading Test
Wednesday 16 th May	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 17 th May	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning

We hope that you will help us to support your child through this week to ensure that it is a positive experience for them all and gives them every opportunity to do their very best and fulfil their potential.

You can help your child in the following ways:

- Ensure your child gets plenty of rest and sleep the nights before the SATs week and throughout the week itself.
- Make sure your child eats a suitable breakfast each morning. It is important that all pupils feel comfortable and relaxed when taking the tests; having a rumbling tummy and feeling hungry will prevent your child (and those around him/her) from being able to concentrate sufficiently.
- Ensure your child attends school each day during the SATs week and is at school on time: the tests start promptly after 9am. Children should not be kept at home for minor illnesses such as colds. Every effort needs to be made to make sure **all** children attend school this week since participation in the tests is a legal requirement.
- Encourage your child to appreciate the seriousness of these tests. Remind them that you – like us – expect them to do their very best...
- ...but do make sure your child does not worry about them! Yes – they are important tests! Yes – they DO need to do their very best in them - but their best is good enough for us! No – they aren't worth losing sleep over or getting upset about! Our children are all aware of this and have a healthy attitude towards the tests.
- Encourage your child to have fun (see the letter sent home to your child) and be what they are at the end of the day: children! We do not find it beneficial to cram in revision work (unless the child is willing) in the weekend before the tests. Our pupils need to remember that they are actually already very well prepared!

Please do not hesitate to make contact with Miss Dunkley or the school itself if you have any concerns or questions regarding the SATs tests.

As always, your support in helping our pupils to achieve their potential is greatly appreciated.

Miss C Dunkley