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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud of how hard the children in Year 6 have been working and next week they get the opportunity to 'show-off' all the things they have learnt whilst at Primary School. We thought we would just send out a reminder about the format of the week for you.

Timetable for the week

	First session – starting at 9.00am	Second session (after break) – starting at 11.00am
Monday 14th May	English: grammar, punctuation and spelling test (SPaG) Paper 1: short answer questions. (45 minutes)	English: grammar, punctuation and spelling test (SPaG) Paper 2: spelling (approximately 15 minutes)
Tuesday 15th May	English : reading (60 minutes)	
Wednesday 16 May	Maths: Paper 1 - arithmetic test (30 minutes)	Maths: Paper 2 – reasoning (40 minutes)
Thursday 17th May	Maths: Paper 3 – reasoning (40 minutes)	

What do the children need to bring during the SATs week?

Your child should bring a bottle of fresh water each day and may bring along a small 'mascot' if they wish. We will provide all the necessary equipment and stationery needed to complete the tests.

Absence:

If your child is ill on the day of the test and unable to attend school, please let the office know as early as possible. Your child will be able to take the missed test, if able to do so within 5 days of the original test date. Mrs Pennington will contact you to discuss arrangements for this if necessary.

What can parents do to help during the week of the tests?

- Make sure children stay calm and don't panic – they have been well prepared!
- Make sure the children have a good night's sleep and breakfast.
- Encourage relaxation between tests. (We are not giving out any homework!)
- Ensure children arrive at school on time.





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Life after SATs

After the children complete their SATs tests, there will be approximately 8 weeks left of teaching time. This is valuable learning time and although our curriculum during this time tends to be more topic driven, English and Maths will continue to be taught every day to ensure that every child is 'secondary school ready'.

Just a few things to remember about SATs

- SATs focus on what they know about Maths and English.** They won't reflect how talented they are at Science, Geography, Art or PE, and they certainly won't highlight positive personal characteristics such as kindness and integrity.
- SATs results don't always tell the whole story.**
The results will say they DID or DIDN'T meet a certain standard, but not necessarily by what margin. Additionally, the thresholds tend to change each year according to overall national performance, so what was classed as 'did meet the expected standard' in 2017 may have been considered a 'did not' in 2016 so don't let your child see SATs as a simple case of 'pass' or 'fail'.
- SATs last for one week.**
In reality, it is just one or two papers lasting 30-60 minutes each day. You can't emphasise enough the importance of keeping that in perspective.

We would like to thank you for your continuing support and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Year 6 Team

