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YEAR 6 SATS WEEK: week commencing Monday 9th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, Year 6 children will be sitting the KS2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATS) during the week beginning 9/5/22.

This week will be organised slightly differently to a normal week in school. Everything you need to know is detailed in this letter.

Timings: It is essential that all children are present and arrive at school in good time each morning. We will be **opening the door by the slope for all Year 6 children at 8:15am** to give them time to settle in school. If your child is feeling unwell during this week, please still bring them into school to sit the tests; after this they can go home and rest. Let a teacher know as soon as possible on the morning, and we will look after them and make arrangements for them.

Breakfast: To give your child energy to concentrate, please encourage them to eat a good breakfast before school. To support with this vital meal of the day, we will be offering a special 'SATS breakfast' for all children when they arrive, this will be a continental style breakfast which will be served between 8:15am and 8:40am in the school hall. SATS breakfast will start on **Friday 6th May**. Children will have time to relax, chat and eat with their friends. We are asking parents for a **donation of £4** towards the cost of this.

Snacks: In addition to a filling breakfast, we ask that all children bring a fruit snack to eat once they have finished the test or in between tests. Please ensure that this is a healthy snack and not crisps or chocolate.

Sleeping: Though they may be a little nervous, it is important that your child has a good night's sleep before each test. Try to keep routines normal so they have a relaxed evening prior to the tests.

Water bottles: Children can drink during the tests; they will be encouraged to have their bottle by their desk but water bottles must be **unmarked** – label free.

Mascots: Children can bring in a small (no larger than the palm of their hand) mascot which they can place on their tables during the tests. Mascots **must be** writing free. It will be the children's responsibility to keep them safe whilst they are in school.

Celebration: To celebrate the end of the tests, we will be spending Friday morning (13/5/22), at St James Park. The children are welcome to wear non-school uniform on this day. Please ensure clothing is suitable for playing on the park play equipment and also appropriate to the weather. We will return to school for a normal lunchtime. During the afternoon we will be hosting a movie event in our classrooms.

All of the information contained within this letter will be communicated to the children in an assembly on Friday 6th May.

The children have made excellent progress this year; they should be very proud of their successes – we certainly are!

If you have any further questions about SATS week, please speak to your child's teacher directly.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mrs Davie, Mr Richards and Miss Guy.

Headteacher : Mrs. A Hixon BA Hons NPQH

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. J Tearle, PGCE

