



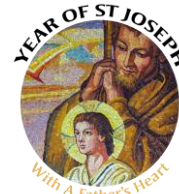
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25th April 2022

Year 6 National Curriculum Test Week (SATs) Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Tests (SATs) for Year 6 pupils are almost upon us. We thought it would be useful for you to know when the tests were taking place – the timetable below is statutory and will begin on Monday 9th May.

Monday May 9th 2022	English grammar, punctuation and spelling: Paper 1: questions Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday May 10th 2022	Reading
Wednesday May 11th 2022	Maths: Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday May 12th 2022	Maths: Paper 3: reasoning

It's important to us that children do not feel unduly pressured during the tests. Please be assured that we will be doing all we can to ensure the children feel as little pressure as possible, whilst preparing them properly for the tests. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. Outcomes of the tests are available to secondary schools when children enter Year 7, however secondary schools do liaise closely with us and take account of our Teacher Assessments as well as your child's performance in the tests.

On each day of the tests (**Monday to Thursday**), we are offering the children a free 'Breakfast Club' which will take place from **8:20am** in the **Year 6 classroom** with Mrs Hamlin and myself. It will be an opportunity for the children to get together, enjoy breakfast snacks and juice to prepare them for the day ahead. It would be great if all of our Year 6 children can join us for this.

There are some very practical things that you can do to help prepare your child. For example:

- ♣ During the SATs week ensure they eat a good breakfast (they may prefer to eat at home or at home and at school), bring a water bottle and arrive at school in plenty of time;
- ♣ Emphasise how important it is to get a good night's sleep;
- ♣ Talk about the tests and ensure that they keep them in perspective;
- ♣ Remind them that in all of the tests, with the exception of the Reading paper, staff are able to read questions aloud to them;
- ♣ Ensure that they continue to take part in their normal range of activities as well as having plenty of time for rest and relaxation.
- ♣ Ensure that they eat well throughout the week.

We will continue to emphasise that all the children can ever do is to try their best and this is what we expect them to do. We also stress how important it is to be proud of their achievements, whatever 'standard' they may achieve.

Thank you for your continued support and as always any questions just ask.

Mrs Knight