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SATs Information

Dear Parents/Carers

In May your child will be sitting their Y6 SATs exams and during the next few weeks we will be getting ready in school for this important milestone. This letter contains some information about the exams and also some suggestions of things you can do to help your child perform at their best.

Important dates

Practise SATs Week	<i>Week Beginning Monday 29th April</i>
Mon-Thurs	Timetable as below
SATs Week	<i>Week Beginning Monday 13th May</i>
Monday 13th May	English Reading Test
Tuesday 14th May	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test
Wednesday 15th May	Mental Mathematics Test Mathematics Test A
Thursday 16th May	Mathematics Test B

SATs Breakfast Club

It is important that all children arrive at school promptly during these two weeks as all exams take place in the morning. To help the children be ready each day for the tests we would like to invite all Y6 pupils to a free 'SATs Breakfast' each day. This will take place from 8.15am, Monday to Thursday during these two weeks. We hope this will support the children in being ready for the tests each day. If your child is not attending the SATs Breakfast please ensure they have eaten breakfast at home and are at school for 8.45am.

Attendance

It is of the upmost importance that all children attend school during these weeks. We would strongly encourage you to send your child to school even if they may seem to be unwell. If your child is complaining of being unwell but is not suffering from vomiting or diarrhea we would suggest that you send them to school. If we feel they are not well enough to take part in the tests or do not appear to get better during the day, we will contact you.

Water

It is important that your child stays hydrated and drinks lots of water. Water helps our brains work to their best capacity and keeps us alert and bright. However don't wait until SAT's week to start encouraging your child to drink more water as the sooner they start, the more impact it can have.

Rest

Please ensure that your child gets plenty of rest and sleep during these weeks with an earlier, relaxed bedtime.

PE

PE will not take place on Tuesday and Thursday during these two weeks as the time of these sessions will clash with test times. We will however ensure that the children still take part in some physical activity during these weeks and for that reason we ask that all children bring in trainers each day.

We hope to make these weeks as calm as possible for our pupils, so that they are able to approach these tests with the right attitude and use them as an opportunity to 'show off' and put all their hard work to good use.

If you have any questions about the SATs please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely

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