



11th January 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

SATs information

In May, your child will be sitting their Year 6 SATs and during the next few months we will be getting ready in our school for this important milestone. This letter contains some **important** information about the tests and some suggestions of things you can do to help your child perform at their best.

Important dates:

Practice SATs week	Week beginning Monday 23rd January
Mon-Thurs	Timetable as below
Practice SATs week	Week beginning Monday 3rd April
Mon-Thurs	Timetable as below
SATs week	Week beginning Monday 8th May
Monday 8th May	Reading test
Tuesday 9th May	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test
Wednesday 10th May	Arithmetic test Maths Reasoning test
Thursday 11th May	Maths Reasoning test

SATs Breakfast Club

It is important that all children arrive at school promptly during the above weeks as all tests take place in the morning. To help the children be ready each day for the tests, we would like to invite all Year 6 pupils to a free 'SATs Breakfast' each day. This will take place from 8am, Monday to Thursday during the above 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 utmost importance that all children attend school during these weeks. We would strongly encourage you to send your child to school unless they are suffering from vomiting or diarrhoea, in which case contact the school immediately. If we feel they are not well enough to take part in the tests or do not appear to improve 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 SATs 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

We will not be visiting Ashington Leisure Centre on Thursday during the above three weeks, as the time of the 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', putting all their hard work to good use.

If you have any questions about the SATs, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Tuart.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher