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Dear Year 6 Parents

Year 6 Statutory Attainment Tests

Year 6 SATS are taking place **Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May** and it is important for all year 6 children to be in school to engage with these statutory tests.

We know that any test can make children feel anxious but rest assured that children will be supported through this by staff who know them well. It is important that as adults, we help them understand that tests are a part of life and it is our mindset that can assist us in managing these as well as ensuring good sleep and nutrition. Trying their best is important, as these results will feed into their secondary school, deciding on their classes/groupings etc. The children have completed many practice tests and are well prepared for them.

In order to assist with children being ready, please ensure that your child comes to school well rested and ready to give their best in that week and brings in a water bottle to stay hydrated. They must also arrive on time as tests start promptly.

We will ensure that there is fruit and water available to all during breaks in the tests. If anything should happen at home, which may unsettle your child during this time, please let us know at the earliest opportunity so we can support them and if appropriate apply for special consideration during marking.

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school or is late in to school, we will need to keep them apart from their class until they can take the tests upon their return or as soon as possible once in school. You can support us in this by not allowing them contact with others in their class whilst at home if off sick until they have taken the tests and by ensuring they are on time for school. This includes online contact. All tests are in the morning and follow a national timetable that cannot be altered. Please ensure any appointments are not during the morning that week. No leave is authorised during the week as it is statutory testing.

For the weeks before and of the tests only, there will also be the offer of free breakfast of toast and cereal for Year 6 children from 8am. Please let the class staff or the office know if we should expect your child for this. Last year all year 6 children attended this and found this helped to feel calm and settled for the start of tests.

Any concerns please come and speak to us.

Best wishes

Janine Harries

Headteacher