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*"Barnabas, the Encourager"*

30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Year 6 Parents,

## SATS INFORMATION

As you will be aware, the SATs are rapidly approaching! All tests will take place in the mornings of week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May (Monday to Thursday) and the timetable is below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Paper 1 (45 mins) Paper 2 (approx. 15 mins)	English Reading (1 hour)	Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 mins) Maths Paper 2: Reasoning (40 mins)	Maths Paper 3: Reasoning (40 mins)

The children have had plenty of test practice at school so they should know what is expected and hopefully be relaxed when it comes to the actual tests.

During test week, please ensure that children bring a full water bottle to school each day. They can bring in a small mascot/teddy that can sit on their table with them whilst doing the tests if they wish. It should not have any writing or numbers on it. They may also bring a cushion to sit on. **Year 6 children may wear their own clothes to school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.**

Please can children have PE kits in school all weeks as, weather permitting, they will be doing PE in the afternoons. We are also hoping to take them to Homestead Park on the Friday afternoon.

### SATS WEEK BIG BREAKFAST

During SATs week we invite Year 6 for breakfast in school to make the week more special for them and also as breakfast helps concentration. Monday – Wednesday will be cooked breakfast (egg, bacon, sausage, beans, toast, juice) and Thursday will be a 'continental breakfast'. This is being funded by school and Chartwells so there will be no cost to the children. Children who would like breakfast will need to arrive at school at **8:15am**, coming to the main entrance. We hope that all children will take up this offer but to help us to cook the correct amounts of food, please complete and return the slip below by Friday this week (4<sup>th</sup> May).

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### **SATS BIG BREAKFAST ( Please return slip by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018)**

Name of child.....

Please circle below to indicate the days that your child would like to come for breakfast (at 8:15am)

Monday 14th      Yes / No  
 Tuesday 15th    Yes / No  
 Wednesday 16th   Yes / No  
 Thursday 17th    Yes / No

Signed..... (parent/carer)

## **TEST PREPARATION**

Thank you for all your support so far with the practice papers and other homework. The children have worked extremely hard at school and at home this year so far and the SATs are a chance for them to **show off** what they can do. Over the next two weeks in school children will be going over some key learning but the weekend before SATs at home is a time to relax and feel positive.....

### **Homework suggestions for the weekend before SATs include:**

- Go on a bike / scooter ride
- Go for a walk or a swim
- Spend time outside
- Play a ball game
- Smile and laugh
- Read a book
- Watch your favourite TV programme or DVD
- Play with friends
- Do something you have never done before
- Eat your favourite food
- Read a book or listen to a story
- Get some early nights.

We recommend that if children would like to do some revision that this is limited to an hour each day.

## **LIFE AFTER SATS**

Recently, the children have been doing SATs preparation as well as their usual English and Maths lessons. After the SATs tests, the normal curriculum with a good amount of topic work will resume and there will be a few special activities in place for Year 6 to help make their last term more special (more information to follow). As writing is only assessed through teacher assessment (using a range of writing that children complete independently in class) and this does not have to be submitted until the end of June, there will remain a particular focus on writing during the next few months to help the children to produce their best work for assessment. It is important that attendance is as high as possible so please avoid taking children out of school unnecessarily.

Ms Woolgar will be meeting the Heads of Year 7 from the different high schools over the next few months to ensure that the necessary information about your child is passed on and these teachers usually also meet with the children here at school, before their transition day in July.

If you have any questions about the SATs, transition to high school or any other matters, please do not hesitate to speak to me or Ms Woolgar.

Yours sincerely



Miss K Boardman  
Headteacher