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INFORMATION FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS ON KS2 SATS 2019

As I am sure you are all aware, our Year Six pupils will soon be sitting their national tests in reading, mathematics and grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS). These tests are both set and marked externally, and the results are used to measure the school's performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables) as well as to give assessment information for your child.

The test dates are set by the government and this year are as follows:

Test Dates for 2019

DATE	ACTIVITY
MON 13 TH MAY	ENGLISH GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION & SPELLING TEST Papers 1 & 2.
TUE 14 TH MAY	ENGLISH READING TEST
WED 15 TH MAY	MATHEMATICS: PAPER 1 – arithmetic PAPER 2 - reasoning
THU 16 TH MAY	Mathematics: PAPER 3: reasoning

There is not a test for writing as writing is based on Teacher Assessment. The writing criteria to meet the expected standard is very rigorous and the children build up a writing portfolio throughout the year to ensure they have evidence of meeting all the criteria across a number of independent pieces of writing.

What is reported?

In July, each pupil will receive:

- A raw score (number of raw marks awarded for each test).
- A scaled score in each tested subject.
- Confirmation of whether or not they **attained the national standard (AS)**.

What is a 'scaled score'?

- A scaled score of 100 represents the 'national standard'.
- Each pupil's raw test score (their marks in the tests) will therefore be converted into a score on the scale
- The scale will have a lower end point somewhere below 100 and an upper end point above 100.
- A child who achieves the 'national standard' (ie a score of 100 or above) will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the tests.

Your child's marks in the SATs tests will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment.

What are the tests like?

KS2 grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS)

The GPS test consists of two parts: a grammar and punctuation paper requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and an aural spelling test of 20 words, lasting around 15 minutes.

The grammar and punctuation test includes two subtypes of questions.

For example:

- Selected response, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives'
- Constructed response, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,'
- or, 'The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.'

KS2 Reading

The reading test is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. Your child will have an hour, including reading time, to complete the test. There will be a selection of question types, including:

- Ranking/ordering, for example, 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'.
- Find and copy, e.g. 'Find and copy a word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- Short constructed response, for example: 'According to the text, what do Giant Pandas like to eat?'

KS2 Mathematics

Children sit three papers in maths: Paper 1 (arithmetic, 30 minutes), Papers 2 and 3 (reasoning, 40 minutes each). Paper 1 consists of fixed response questions (children have to give correct answers to calculations). Papers 2 and 3 contain questions that involve problem solving with multiple steps across a range of mathematical areas.

Support in accessing the tests for some children

Some children will have extra support in the tests in terms of extra time or a reader. If your child is eligible then we will let you know.

SATs week breakfast

To support your children on the morning of the tests and to ensure they have some preparation time and a healthy breakfast we'll be putting on our annual pre-SATs breakfast. From 8.15am (Monday to Thursday) pupils are invited to come in to school and join us in the junior hall for a fab breakfast served by our team!

Parents' Meeting

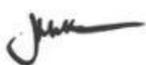
We will be hosting a parents' meeting to discuss the arrangements for SATs week in more detail, this will be held in **6B on Thursday 2nd May at 3.45pm.**

How can I help my child?

- Support your child to complete all the set homework. Encourage them to manage their time so that it is not rushed in one evening.
- Support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and they should always just try their best. **Praise and encourage!**
- Ensure your child has **the best possible attendance** at school – every single lesson is important. Lessons are planned as a sequence so even missing one will impact on the children's progress.
- There should be **no absences** in the lead up to the SATs or during the SATs week.

If you have any questions or are not able to attend the meeting, do please come and speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully



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