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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Key Stage 2 SATs Week - Monday 13 – Friday 17 May

As SATs week is fast approaching, I write to update parents and keep you informed about how you can support your child in the coming weeks.

Homework

Weekly homework will include problem solving and revision work, based on their learning in class. In order to help them and develop their confidence further, it is important that the homework is completed and handed in on time. We often go through the homework together to highlight teaching points and clarify understanding, so it really helps if all children are up to date with their homework.

To help towards their revision, we will be sending some practice activities for your child to do for homework in the Easter Holiday. This is in accordance to the School Homework policy. Please could this be completed and returned to school on Monday 29 April.

Other resources

It is important that your child continues to do some revision at home in preparation for the assessments. There is a range of materials and resources that can help with revision (see attached list of websites/resources). We would also encourage them to continue to learn the Year 5 and 6 list of spelling words (a list can be found in the home/school diary and on the school website). If you feel your child needs any further resources, please do not hesitate to contact their group teacher.

SATs Timetable

Date	9:00-10:30am	10:45-12:00pm
Monday 13th May	SPAG Paper 1 Punctuation and Grammar (45 mins)	SPAG Paper 2 Spelling (20 mins)
Tuesday 14th May	English Reading Test (1 hour)	
Wednesday 15th May	Maths 1 Arithmetic Test (30 mins)	Maths 2 Reasoning Test 1 (45 mins)
Thursday 16th May	Maths 3 Reasoning Test 2 (45 mins)	
Friday 17th May	No tests today (the children will be in their classes all day).	

SATs arrangements

The majority of the children will take their tests in their literacy or numeracy groups. If there are any changes to their normal routine, Mr Beeston or their class teacher will be in touch with you very soon to discuss any changes that may affect your child.

Keeping Calm

We appreciate that the children may be nervous and anxious about the week. Please be reassured that we will do our best to help, support and keep the children calm throughout the week.

During the week

- Your child is welcome to come along to the breakfast club that we hold every day in school (starting at 8:00am). This may give some children the chance to talk with their friends before the day begins. There will be no charge for breakfast club.
- They will take part each morning in a wake and shake session (a quick fun exercise session to wake them up get them warmed up ready for the day).
- Breakfast bars will be available each morning at playtime to help keep them going.
- Lessons in the afternoon will be less intense, such as art and craft, to help the children stay calm.

Attendance is important!

Please note that there are strict regulations about when children are allowed to sit the tests. Children are only permitted to take the tests on the specified days (as stipulated by the Department for Education regulations). It is therefore, important that they attend school promptly throughout the week. In the event of illness or other circumstances, we ask all parents to contact school as soon as possible so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Get the balance right

We know that we need to keep the right balance between work and play. SATs can be stressful, but if the children work hard, get into a good routine and complete homework on time, there should be plenty of time for doing other activities to keep healthy. We recognise that they are only 10 and 11 years old, so if any parent feels their child is getting too worried or anxious, then please let us know.

Further information

There is further information for parents, including a leaflet and a video explaining the tests, which you may find useful. It can be found using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Information from the SATs meeting for Year 6 Parents, held earlier this year (October 2018) can be accessed on the school website.

If you have any further questions about SATs, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Mr S. Beeston

(Year 6 Team Leader)

Useful Websites for Helping with SATs Revision

CJS School Website

On the school website there are the following links:

- **BUG Club**
(This is a great resource for helping with reading comprehension questions.)
- **Mathletics**
(All pupils have log-in details in the home/school diary. This resource is ideal for maths revision including games, problems and quizzes - highly recommended!)
- **Year 5/6 Spelling Word list**
(Access via Our Curriculum, Curriculum Evenings, Spelling Lists. There is a copy also in Home/School Diary.)
- **Education city**
(There are lots of activities to help)
- **NRich**
(Access this online resource via Useful Links)

Other Resources

The following websites have useful activities and resources. There are past SATs papers to download and activities/games that will help children practice their skills:

- www.theschoolrun.com/SATS-Papers-KS2
(Free SATs papers to download)
- www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/index.html
(A range of practice tests/games/revision activities)
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize
(A range of tests/games/activities)
- www.freepastpapers.co.uk/sats-key-stage-2.php
(Free past SATs practice papers that are easy to download)
- emaths.co.uk
(Past SATs papers can be downloaded)