Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to remind you that next week (Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May) all children in year 6 will be taking the SATs papers. Children have worked incredibly hard again this year. Below is a reminder of the timetable for the testing which is decided by the Department for Education, not the school.

SICKNESS
It is important that all children attend school during SATs week and that we are on time for school so that the start of the test papers is not delayed by waiting for the arrival of some children, as this can increase any anxiety or nerves the other children are feeling. If your child is not well enough to attend school please call the school office as soon as possible so that Mrs Carter can seek guidance from the Local Authority on how to ensure your child accesses the assessments.

SATs Prep Breakfasts
During SATs week children are very welcome to **come for free breakfast and 'warm up' activities Monday-Thursday at 8:00**. If your child does not wish to come in early **please ensure they are on time for school and in by 8.45** as we will be starting SATs tests promptly at 9.00. Mr Wilson will be there to greet them at 8.00 and cereals, crumpets and toast will be prepared for them!

On Friday there will be a special end of SATs celebratory breakfast and there will be no charge for this.

Siblings of children in Year 6 will be able to attend the usual school breakfast club for no additional charge.

DURING THE TESTS
The children sit the tests in the Sharks classroom, in exam conditions, which they are very used to doing, as when we take internal assessments we follow the same structure across the week and the tests look very similar. The tests are then packaged and sent away to be anonymously marked. The results are issued to schools in early July and we will let you know how your child has done.

YEAR 6 SATS Test Timetable 2024 (Set by the Department for Education)		
Date	Test Paper	Duration etc
Monday 13th May	Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPaG)	45 minutes for grammar, testing knowledge of English Grammar (mostly tick boxes) 20 minutes for spelling - 20 words from the patterns and appendix list. Read out loud by Mr Wilson
Tuesday 14th May	Reading	1 hour Testing children's ability to read and understand 3 different pieces of text.
Wednesday 15th May	Maths 1 - Arithmetic Maths 2 - Reasoning	30 mins for arithmetic, testing knowledge methods for operations, fractions, percentages 40 minutes for reasoning. Tests shape, space and measure and whether children can apply knowledge of operations
Thursday 16th May	Maths 3 - Reasoning	40 minutes for reasoning. Tests shape, space and measure and whether children can apply knowledge of operations

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and speak with Mr Wilson this week.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of School

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