



16<sup>th</sup> January 2012



Dear Parents

Year 6 SATs 2012: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May

I have written in order to share with you the timetable for the Year 6 SATs tests, as well as to update you on some ways that we will be helping your child reach their potential over the coming months.

The SATs will take place in the week of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The timetable is set nationally for all schools and is attached at the end of this letter.

The SATs tests are **national statutory tests** and are taken in **English and Mathematics**. This year sees a change to the way that the English tests are administered. The Writing level is now purely down to a judgement from your child's Learning Group teacher rather than from a one off test, which we are delighted about. This should give a much more rounded assessment of your child's Writing instead of relying on several factors to come together on one day in May! However, Reading and maths assessments will still be conducted in the same fashion as in previous years during SATs week.

We are very proud of the way in which all of the children are preparing for the SATs. You may have noticed that revision books for maths and English have been handed out to everyone in Year 6. We have asked that they work alongside their Learning Group teacher to create a revision list on topic areas from the books that they are unsure of or that they require a bit of help on.

In addition to your help on these topic areas from home and the normal Learning Group lessons, Mr. Green and I will also be conducting daily extra enhancement sessions called 'surgery drop-ins', from now until the end of SATs week. This is where your child can drop in to Mr. Pretlove's office any time between **8.40am and 8.55am daily** to gain a top-up on any topic which is causing them difficulty. We ran these sessions as a pilot last year and they significantly helped the confidence and attainment of those who regularly attended. Please encourage your child to become familiar with their revision books and to attend these morning sessions.

If you have any questions about the test week please feel welcome to make an appointment to discuss the issues with me.

With my best wishes - and good luck to the children!

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## Year 6 SATs Timetable 2012

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
English Reading Test

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Writing Test (short)  
Spelling Test  
Writing Test (long)

These Writing papers will be marked internally with the levels going towards the Learning Group teacher's overall judgement.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Mental Maths Test  
Maths Test A (non-calculator)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Maths Test B (calculator allowed)