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Dear Parents

### Year 6 Academy - 2010

The next term and a half are a special time for the children in Year 6 as they prepare for Key Stage 2 SATs. They will also have the opportunity to participate in a musical production as well as getting ready for Secondary School. We also have many other exciting events planned.

### Key Stage 2 SATs (Standardised Assessment Tests)

These national tests will take place every day in the week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. If your child misses the test it cannot be repeated at another time and will be recorded as zero. We feel it is vital that the children attain Level 4 (the national expectation), as this does mean that they will have a confident start to their secondary education. Your help and support is essential to achieve this aim. The timetable for this is:

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| • Monday    | 10 <sup>th</sup> May a.m. | Reading                   |
| • Tuesday   | 11 <sup>th</sup> May a.m. | Writing Test              |
| • Wednesday | 12 <sup>th</sup> May a.m. | Maths Test A/Mental maths |
| • Thursday  | 13 <sup>th</sup> May a.m. | Maths Test B              |

### How can I help?

- Ensure that your child has a quiet (no television) place to revise
- Ask your child to explain their learning and test them from their revision books on a regular basis. These revision books constitute their Home Link and lay the foundations for their next phase of learning.
- The children really need their sleep. Many appear tired at 9.00 a.m. yawning and clearly unable to concentrate. Please encourage them to get to bed at an appropriate time. **Blame us!!!**

In order to help their revision for the SATs, every child in Year 6 has been issued with two Study Books. These are sent with this letter.

There is one book for each of the subjects in there will be tests:



English (Blue book)  
Maths (Brown book)

We have used these books as a key element in our revision programme over the last five years and the children really enjoy these guides as they present key activities to attempt. These books are the children's Home Link and we ask if you could encourage your child to read these books at home. It would be great, too, if you could discuss, with your child, what they have read and learned. They should, ideally, read each guide several times over the next four months.

After the SATs the children will need to return all of these books to us. Each book is numbered and we ask if they could be kept in good condition as we will be using them in future years as well. **Please do not write in these books, thank you!**

All these disciplines are important preparation for secondary school and the heavy demands of home work, etc. If the children can cultivate positive work ethics now, plan when to study and when to play, it will be of great benefit later (you ask any parent with a teenager!!)



### Year 6 Production

After the SATs week, the children will be working towards a musical theatre production in July. We remember the talents displayed by many of the children in the pantomimes and are sure that this will be a memorable way for the children to mark the end of their time with us. Mrs Pollitt will lead this initiative and casting will begin after the SATs in May.



### Financial Capability

Following the enormous success of this project over the last two years, Year 6 children will, in the Summer Term, be given the experience of trying to make a profit from a given amount of money. We believe that this enterprising challenge will help the children to learn about money in real life contexts. Any profits that are made, the children will be

able to donate to a charity of their choice, thus encouraging the children's sense of social responsibility. It should all be very exciting. Watch this space for further details at the start of next term! Look out for future entrepreneurs who will support their parents in their old age!!



### **Swimming**

It is our intention to run swimming lessons for Year 6 in June and July at New Milton Swimming Pool. Further details will be explained nearer the time as we are unable to make bookings until the end of this term.



### **Cycling**

A new scheme called 'Bikeability' has been provisional booked for our Yr. 6 children. This will provide cycle training and will be open to all Year 6 children with a working bike and who can cycle one-handed. More details will follow later this term.

As you can see, the Year 6s have a busy and varied programme ahead. We look forward to supporting them through the coming months. They are a wonderful group of children of who we are truly proud.

Yours sincerely

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