



Dear Parents/Carers,

SATs Tests for Year 6 pupils will take place between Monday 14th May and Thursday 17th May 2018.

We are holding a parent Information Evening for yourselves and your child on Tuesday 15th January at 6pm in the hall. Please confirm your and your child's attendance on the reply slip below. During the evening, there will be opportunities to ask any questions you may have. The children will be given their own 'SATs revision' guides, which will be the basis of their homework for the ongoing terms; if you would like to purchase additional revision guides, we will have these available on the evening.

In the summer term of 2018, children in Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests. These tests in English and Maths reflect the national curriculum, and are more rigorous than in previous years.

At the end of Year 6, children will sit tests in:

- Reading
- Maths
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar

These tests will be both set and marked externally, and the results will be used to measure your child's progress and the school's performance. Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment.

Key Stage 2 Reading – Tuesday 15th May

The reading test will be a single paper with questions based on one 800-word text and two passages of 300 words. **Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.**

There will be a selection of question types, including:

- **Ranking/ordering**, e.g. 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- **Labelling**, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title of the story'
- **Find and copy**, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- **Short constructed response**, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- **Open-ended response**, e.g. 'Look at the sentence that begins *Once upon a time*. How does the writer increase the tension throughout this paragraph? Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer.'



Key Stage 2 grammar, punctuation and spelling test – Monday 14th May

The grammar, punctuation and spelling test will consist 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 will include two sub-types of questions:

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

Key Stage 2 Maths – Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May

Children will sit three papers in Maths:

- Paper 1: **arithmetic**, 30 minutes (written)
- Papers 2 and 3: **mathematical fluency, solving problems and reasoning**, 40 minutes per paper

Paper 1 will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division. Papers 2 and 3 will involve a number of question types, including:

- Multiple choice
- True or false
- Constrained questions, e.g. giving the answer to a calculation, drawing a shape or completing a table or chart
- Less constrained questions, where children will have to explain their approach for solving a problem.

When will KS2 SATs take place in 2018?

The Year 6 KS2 SATs will be administered in the week commencing 14th May 2018.

How will Key Stage 2 SATs be marked?

The old system of national curriculum levels is now no longer used, after the department of education abolished it in Summer 2015. Instead, children will be given standardised scores. **You will be given your child's score, alongside the average for their school, the local area and nationally.** There will also be a 'performance descriptor' of the expected standard for Key Stage 2 pupils. The Department for Education is aiming for 65 per cent of children to reach or exceed that standard.

If you have any questions, please speak to either of us.

Thanks for your continued support.

Regards,

Kirsty Durrheim and Michelle Brett

Parents SATs Information Evening
Tuesday 16th January 2018

Name of child _____

Number of parents attending _____

My child will / will not be attending (please delete)

Signed _____