



Dear children of Year 6,

You will be taking your SATs tests next week. (We have spent a long time preparing for them, haven't we!) We know that some of you are really looking forward to the challenge, and that some of you are a little nervous. These emotions are perfectly normal as each of us deals with pressure differently. I like to think of pressure as a good thing: it helps you to grow as a person because it stretches your thinking and enables you to practise coping strategies. These SATs tests are compulsory, and we must follow rules. (Rules are part of life). It is important that you get used to sitting a test as you will have to do this at different times in your life.

It is important that you know that we do not need the results from these SATs tests to tell us about you or your abilities. We do not need SATs scores to show us what your strengths and areas of development are because we know this already. How? We know what you like and what you dread. We know what makes you laugh and the things that upset you. We know what your favourite subjects are and the things that you love learning about. We have enjoyed getting to know the amazing people that you have become.

Do *you* need the SATs results to tell you whether you are successful or not? Of course not!

If you haven't already done so, you must learn to be proud of all your achievements and of the effort that you put into learning and life. Our hope is that you "give your best to be your best", not just for your upcoming SATs but in everything you do in the long life you have ahead of you: if you put in half the effort, you will get half the results and you will feel half the pride knowing that you could have achieved twice as much!

We are all incredibly proud of what you have achieved during your time at Foxhills Juniors. Be proud of yourself also, because there is only one of you! **Remember, the difference between who you are, and who you want to be, is what you do!**

From Mrs Howe and the year 6 team



Dear Parents,

Year 6 SATs Week: Week commencing Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May 2024

As you are aware, Year 6 children across England will be sitting the KS2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) during ‘SATs week’. We are providing you with this information so you are fully aware of what will happen and to enable you to reassure your child, should this be necessary:

Dates and Timings: SATs run from **Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May, 2024**. It is essential that all children are in school on these dates. In the event of your child feeling unwell during this week, do still bring them into school to sit the tests; after this they can go home. Let us know, as soon as possible, and we will look after them and make arrangements for them.

Breakfast/ snacks: To give your child energy to concentrate, please encourage them to eat a good breakfast before school. We are offering a special “SATs breakfast” from Tuesday to Friday, served from 8am (continental style), for a minimal cost of £1 per day. In addition to this, we ask that children bring in a fruit snack to eat immediately after the tests.

Sleeping: Though they may be a little nervous, it important that your child has a good night’s sleep before each test. Try to keep routines normal so that they have a relaxed evening prior to the tests.

Water bottles: Children can drink during the tests but water bottles must be unmarked - label free - preferably with a sports cap.

Comfort breaks: Prior to each test, children will be encouraged to take a comfort stop to avoid any disruption and distractions. Of course, any child needing the toilet during a test will be allowed to go but must be accompanied by an adult.

Children have made excellent progress this year and they should be proud of their successes – we certainly are! As teachers, we wish only for your child to give their best. If you have any further questions, please speak to your child’s teacher directly.

**Thank you, once again, for your continued support. If you have any concerns, please do speak to us.
Mrs Howe and the Year 6 Team.**

SATs Week Timetable

Date	
Monday 13th May	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Paper 1: Questions (45minutes) Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Paper 2: Spelling Test (20 spellings)
Tuesday 14th May	Reading (1 hour)
Wednesday 15th May	Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic – (30 minutes) Maths Paper 2: Reasoning 1 (40 minutes)
Thursday 16th May	Maths Paper 3: Reasoning 2 (40 minutes)