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Dear Parents,

Year 6 SATs Results

I am delighted to share with you the results from your child's SATs tests, which were published on Tuesday. All the children in Deer Class have performed well and we are extremely proud of both their attainment and progress.

The table below, shows our overall Y6 results. As you will see, our results are significantly higher than both National and Cambridgeshire averages.

Y6 SATs Results and Comparisons 2017

Subject	% of Y6 children at Castle Camps achieving or exceeding the National Standard	Cambridgeshire Averages for children achieving or exceeding the National Standard	National Averages for children achieving or exceeding the National Standard
Reading	94%	73%	71%
Writing (Teacher Assessment – no test)	89%	73%	75%
Mathematics	89%	72%	76%
Pupils achieving the expected standard in all 3 areas (Reading, Writing & Maths combined)	89%	59%	61%
Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation	89%	75%	77%

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the new system for primary school test results?

In 2014 the Department for Education announced changes to the National Curriculum. As part of the changes, the 'levels' system previously used to report on children's attainment was removed. From 2016, SATs results have been reported using scaled scores.

What is a scaled score?

Each child is given a scaled score as a number. This is based on his/her raw score – the number of marks he/she receives in a test.

Children may achieve a score of:

- Below 100, meaning they have not achieved the 'expected standard'
- 100, meaning that they have reached the 'expected standard'
- Above 110, meaning that they have exceeded the 'expected standard'

For children in Y6 taking the Key Stage (KS2) tests, scores range from 80 to 120. A child who reaches the expected standard (100 or above) is considered to be ready for the next stage of his or her education.

Why use scaled scores?

Scaled scores help test results to be reported consistently from one year to the next. For example, if two children achieve the same scaled scores in different tests in different years, they will have the same level of attainment.

How will results be reported in year 6?

All children in Y6 took tests in Maths, Reading, and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Each child registered for the tests receives a **raw score**, a **scaled score** and clear confirmation as to **whether they have met the national standard**. Pupils also receive a **Teacher Assessment** – this is based on the standard of work completed in class over the course of the academic year.

Should I be worried if my child does not meet the expected standard?

The tests are designed to help identify where children may need extra support as early as possible. Your child will also receive teacher assessment results which help to give a broader picture of how well they are doing.

Is it true that the tests have become more difficult?

Yes, it is true that the tests since 2016 have been more challenging, and that the new expected standard is higher. This means that, across the country, fewer children have met the expected standard.

If you have any further questions about your child's test results or teacher assessments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to congratulate the children once again for all their hard work over the year and to wish them the very best of luck at their new secondary schools.

Yours sincerely,

Miss O'Connor
Headteacher