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Friday, 11th May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminder: KS2 SATs Tests for Year 6 pupils

From Monday, 14th - Thursday, 17th May, children in Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests. 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.

The children will sit tests in:

- o Reading
- o Maths
- o Spelling, punctuation and grammar

Key Stage 2 Reading

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:

- o **Ranking/ordering**, e.g. 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- o **Labelling**, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title of the story'
- o **Find and copy**, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- o **Short constructed response**, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- o **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

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:

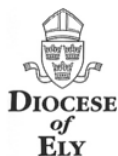
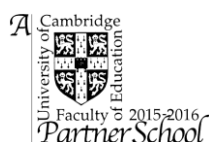
- o **Selected response**, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives in the sentence below'
- o **Constructed response**, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,' or, 'The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.'

Key Stage 2 Maths

Children will sit three papers in maths:

- o Paper 1: **arithmetic**, 30 minutes (written)
- o 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:



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

Where will the tests take place?

Children will sit the tests in the school hall. Some pupils may be entitled to extra time or a reader – these pupils will complete their papers in designated rooms around the school.

SATs Breakfast

Mrs Gouldstone and the office staff have kindly organised a SATs Breakfast for the children. Children that have signed up for breakfast, should arrive at the Main Entrance at 8am.

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. Results will not be returned to school until July.

How can I support my child during SATs week?

For a copy of the SATs timetable for next week - see below. SATs Week is tiring for the children, so please ensure your child gets plenty of rest over the weekend and during the test period.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss O'Connor
Headteacher

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