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for lifelong learning*

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Dear Year 6 pupils and parents,

As you are aware, the SATs exams are now fast approaching and will begin on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you, pupils, for all of your incredible hard work and effort so far this year, we are very proud of you! Thank you parents for your continued support and engagement in your children's learning.

### **SATS Timetable 2017**

| <b>Date</b>           | <b>Activity</b>   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Monday 8 May 2017     | English reading   |
| Tuesday 9 May 2017    | English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions<br>English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling |
| Wednesday 10 May 2017 | Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic<br>Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning   |
| Thursday 11 May 2017  | Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning  |

During SATs week, Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to attend breakfast club for free. This should allow them to have a healthy breakfast, calm their nerves and relax with their class mates before their exams.

Revision is important over the coming weeks; short bursts daily will be more effective than spending hours cramming the weekend before the exams. You may find the following revision tips helpful in supporting your child to revise.

- Focus on particular topics with a subject that your child is not confident in e.g. adding and subtracting mixed numbers not just Maths generally. Have them read the relevant revision guide sections on this topic and then practice questions with and without your support.
- Revise using the guides provided little and often.
- Make mind maps from memory, based on prior knowledge, and then test with questions on this knowledge.
- Draw pictorial representations such as bar models when problem-solving to help break down the question.
- Pictorial representations can also be drawn to represent methods or facts to aid memory.

- Practise short arithmetic calculations, grammar vocabulary recall and fact retrieval reading questions.

Remember not to put too much pressure on yourselves/your child; one exam will not determine your/your child's future success or happiness. If children try their best, have a growth mind set and continue to be resilient then their school and parents will be proud of their achievements no matter the result.

After SATS, children will have the opportunity to complete cross-curricular projects and attend a variety of trips. Trip details will be issued in due course.

Kind regards,

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