

5th May 2009

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that SATs week is here already and the children are in their final few weeks at Primary School. As we fully expected, the children have coped superbly with the demands of Year 6 so far and been fantastic role models for the rest of the school.

With next week in mind, I would like to update you on the organisation for the tests, and the timetable below shows you when the tests will be taken and how long they will last. All tests will be taken in the morning.

Monday 11th May	Tuesday 12th May	Wednesday 13th May	Thursday 14th May	Friday 15th May
Science A (45 minutes)	Short Writing (20 minutes)	Reading (45 minutes plus 15 minutes reading time)	Maths A (45 minutes)	Maths B (45 minutes)
Science B (45 minutes)	Spelling (approximately 15 minutes)		Mental Maths (20 minutes)	
	Long Writing (45 minutes)			

Some children (and parents!) may be a little anxious next week and so we will take extra time to settle the children each morning and also provide them with fruit to eat as this anxiety can lead to loss of appetite at breakfast time.

Apart from the tests, we will try and run as normal week as possible and clubs will be running as usual. We have talked to the children about the importance of getting plenty of sleep over the weekend and throughout the week, as tiredness can affect performance and add to stress levels.

If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher