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Dear Parents / Carers,

In the week beginning 9th May, the children in Year 6 will sit the Standard Attainment Tests (SATs). These will begin on Tuesday 9th and finish on Friday 12th May (they would usually take place Monday to Thursday but have been pushed back a day because of the coronation bank holiday). The children will be tested in Reading, Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling and Maths. Tests will take place in the morning, usually commencing around 9.30am. The children and staff have worked hard all year to prepare for these tests and as much as possible we want the children to enjoy the week, as an opportunity to show off their learning.

We all want to support the children as best we can but there is no better preparation than a good night's sleep and a proper breakfast on the day of the tests. Please also limit screen time in the weekend before and during the week itself, especially before bedtime.

Each day during SATs week we will be offering the option for Year 6 children to arrive at school between 8.15 and 8.30am (via the office entrance) and have breakfast in their classroom. This will include cereals (Cornflakes, Wheetabix or Rice Crispies), toast with butter/jam and squash. If children do not wish to have a school breakfast they should arrive in school at the normal time. Please be aware that tests can only be taken on the specified day and time and do ensure that children are punctual on the day of the tests.

If your child is ill in the evening or during the night on test week, please email the school office ASAP if you think it is unlikely that they will be in school the next day, as we will need to make alternative arrangements for them to sit the test as soon as possible after their peers.

Thank you for all your support over the year. We are confident all the children will do well during SATs week and we wish them every success.

Yours sincerely,