



26th February 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Meeting to discuss KS2 SATs preparations

I would like to arrange a meeting to discuss and share information about KS2 SATs tests that will be carried out during the week beginning, Monday 9th May 2016. The purpose of the meeting will be share sample questions and provide further information around which tests the children will be sitting. There have been a number of key changes introduced this year with regards to the focus of tests and also how the scores will be shared. Our main priority is for the children to feel confident, supported and well prepared so that they will be able to do their best when the time comes for them to sit their SATs. Many educationalists and parents might have reservations regarding the testing of pupils and the stress and anxiety that these tests can cause, however unfortunately we cannot escape these statutory tests. What we can do is ensure that children feel supported throughout this process of preparing them and that every opportunity is taken to reaffirm that they will not be letting anyone down and that they are outstanding ambassadors for our school for which we are extremely proud of them.

The SATs do not assess all of what makes them special and unique. They do not know that some of them speak two languages, can lead a team to organise events for younger children. They don't know that they love to sing or draw or that they have an amazing thirst for learning about history. They haven't seen the thought provoking poetry that they can write or the wonderful confidence they have in school performances. They don't know about their natural talent for dancing, playing a musical instrument or film making. They haven't seen that their friends count on them to be there; that their laughter can brighten their day. They do not know that they participate in sports and are ambitious about their future. They do not know that they are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day they try their hardest.

The scores that your child will get from these tests will tell us something, but they will not tell us everything. There is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make our children who they are.

The meeting has been arranged for **Monday 14th March at 3.45pm – 4.30pm**. The pastoral team will also be present and will be offering parents a drop in session to discuss if their child requires specific support. I do hope that you will be able to attend.

Kind regards

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