

15th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

KS1 SATs Preparation Meeting

I would like to invite you to attend a meeting to discuss and share information about KS1 SATs tests that will be carried out throughout the month of May. Unlike the Year 6 SATs, there are no fixed dates that assessments have to be completed for Year 2. The meeting will take place on **Tuesday 27th March from 3:45pm–4:15pm in 2JD**. The meeting will be led by Sarah Turner, who is our Deputy Headteacher and Assessment Lead.

The purpose of the meeting will be to share sample questions and provide further information around which tests the children will be sitting. 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 sing or draw or that they have an amazing thirst for learning about history. They haven't seen the amazing artwork or the wonderful confidence they have in school performances. They don't know about their natural talent for dancing or that their friends count on them to be there; that their laughter can brighten their day. They do not know that they demonstrate respect and care, are 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.

Kind regards,

Jen Dyson
KS1 Phase Leader



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