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SATs Preparation at Paxcroft

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 children,

We are getting towards the time of year where many of the children's thoughts are starting to turn towards the end of KS2 SATs tests. As we would always emphasise to the children, KS2 SATs are a measure on the school (of how we have taught the core National Curriculum) rather than a measure of the child. However, we also feel that these are formal, statutory tests and that it is only fair for the children to be prepared for them. It is also a good opportunity to ensure that key content of the primary curriculum has been revised and consolidated before the children transition to secondary school.

To ensure that you have the opportunity to ask any questions about SATs, how they are used and what they look like in practice, we would like to invite parents to a **SATs information meeting** in Kestrel class straight after school on **Tuesday 12th March**.

For the children, on top of the teaching we are already doing, we would like to offer a **Y6 Maths Revision Club** after school **on Wednesdays** in Falcon class, for an hour between 3.15pm and 4.15pm. This will be completely optional, but we will make sure that there are refreshments (squash and biscuits!) available for anyone who would like to attend. The sessions will be largely run by myself, supported by the Year 5/6 team. Please let us know if you have any particular collection arrangements, otherwise we will allow our Y6s to take themselves home after revision club.

Please see the table below for a comprehensive list of how we are preparing and supporting Y6 children for SATs and academic readiness for secondary school.

In class	Extra in/around school	How you could help at home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision of key topics in class Running occasional lessons split between Y5 and Y6 to have 'Y6 only' content More regular test practice (to help those nervous about time pressure!) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing, Maths and Reading boosters running for some children Weekly Y6 Maths Revision Club open to all Y6 children Revision homework (Maths/Reading) to start going home for Y6 pupils 'Perspective' chat with Y6 about SATs and what they are used for Contacted Trowbridge secondary schools to arrange an additional transition Q&A sessions for pupils MIND anxiety workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a free account on readtheory.org to help little and often with reading comprehension Use school accounts for Times Tables Rockstar and Spellingframe to help with remembering those key facts! Check out the Y6 revision page on our school website from next Monday for extra activities and resources If you wanted to go above and beyond, please follow this link to the CGP SATs buster workbooks, which you could work on with your child at home: https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books/primary-sats-books

We hope that this information is helpful for you. As ever, please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Best wishes,
Mr Alex George
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