

Friday 15th March 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

What are the SATS?

Over the past few months, the Year 6 pupils have been working extremely hard towards their end of year assessments, the Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). SATs are an opportunity for the children to demonstrate the fantastic progress they have made during their learning journey at Hordle C.E. Primary School.

How has my child been prepared?

We put a great deal of effort into ensuring that the children are exceptionally well prepared both academically and emotionally and we do not anticipate that this week will present any issues at all for the children who have all been absolute stars. We are very proud of them all. Nevertheless, we invite parents to take a very calm approach at home - just asking children to do their very best.

When are the SATS?

The SATs will take place from **13th - 16th May 2019** and it is **essential** that your child is in school during this week.

What if my child is absent during this week?

If your child is ill in this week - we can sometimes arrange for them to take the test at another time - but we ask that you liaise with the school promptly to discuss this. Any absence for holiday of any duration in this week is subject to a fixed term penalty.

What tests are they doing each day?

Monday 13th May	Tuesday 14th May	Wednesday 15th May	Thursday 16th May
English Grammar, Punctuation (45 minutes)	Reading (1 hour)	Mathematics Arithmetic - Paper 1 (30 minutes)	Mathematics Reasoning - Paper 3 (40 minutes)
English Spelling (15 minutes)		Mathematics Reasoning - Paper 2 (40 minutes)	

English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (SPAG)

Children taking Key Stage 2 SATs will sit two separate papers in grammar, spelling and Punctuation:

- Paper 1 is a grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test, which will involve some multiple choice answers and some written answers.
- Paper 2 is a 20-word spelling test taking approximately 15 minutes. It will feature spelling patterns learned across key stage two and the spellings the children have been learning at home each week.

Reading

The reading test for Year 6 pupils will involve one paper, consisting of a reading booklet with a selection of texts and a separate answer booklet, with comprehension questions related to the reading booklet. This will last 1 hour in total and contains three texts and approximately 40 questions (totalling 50 marks). These texts are very similar to those that the children have been preparing for as part of their home learning each week.

Mathematics

The Key Stage 2 maths test will comprise of three papers:

- Paper 1 is an arithmetic test, consisting of a list of calculations to complete. These are questions similar to those seen in the weekly maths homework.
- Paper 2 and paper 3 are problem solving and reasoning.

Children will not be able to use any tools such as calculators or number lines in the tests.

Writing

Composition will be teacher assessment only; there is no test. The children are currently working on their end of year portfolio of evidence.

When will we get results?

Test papers will be sent off and marked externally and children will be given a scaled score. In addition, each child will receive an overall result saying whether they have achieved the required standard in the tests or not. Children will receive their results in July.

What can I do to help?

The children are showing incredible resilience and motivation in school. In order to support your child with their final months at Hordle, attendance is crucial. Every lesson counts and many topics will now only be revisited once before their end of year assessments. Punctuality is also key: lessons begin promptly at 9.05am. Early Morning Clubs will continue up to SATs week and these are a great way of spending longer mastering a concept. If you would like your child to attend and they do not already, please see one of the UJ teachers. Finally, home learning focuses on many key areas which will be covered in the tests so please encourage your child to complete this each week as well as mastering times tables, reading daily and practicing weekly spellings.

Finally, over the Easter holiday, the children will be bringing home a selection of practice papers to help them fully prepare for their forthcoming end of year assessments. Please encourage your child to complete these fully to the best of their ability.

My child is most excited about SATS breakfast! What's this?

Every year, we run a hugely popular SATs breakfast and more information will be sent out about this shortly. Bacon / Sausage / Vegetarian alternative butties are available, however, we encourage all children to come with their own breakfast - even if they don't want to have a sandwich - as it is such a lovely team building time for the children.

We would like to thank you, once again, for your continued support with your child's learning.

Kind regards,

The Upper Junior Team

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'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' John 10:10

