



## *Holme on Spalding Moor Primary School*

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Dear Year 6 Parents,

### **RE: Key Stage 2 SATS Tests 2018**

The SATS Tests will soon be upon us and both I and Miss Seavers believe that the children are well prepared to achieve the very best possible outcomes, both for themselves and the school. Indeed, you should be very proud of the hard work that your child has put in this year; they certainly deserve to succeed.

The main purpose of this letter is to confirm the arrangements for the week and suggest ways in which you can help your child to 'be ready'. The specific dates and times are detailed in the table below. We have **no flexibility** with regard to this schedule, so it is important that the children are in school, for all the tests, on each day. Please **do not** book any medical appointments during this week.

<b><u>NATIONAL CURRICULUM TEST TIMETABLE YEAR 6 w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018</u></b>	
<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Tests</u></b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling tests Paper 1: short answer questions Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	English Reading test
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Paper 3: reasoning

### **How can you help?**

- Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep; experience suggests that the week can be very tiring! (Please prepare them with early nights from now until the tests too!)
- Ensure they have a healthy breakfast. Research indicates that children who eat a healthy, well balanced breakfast perform better. (Even if your child has a piece of fruit on the way to school - it is better than nothing!)
- Reassure your child that all we expect from them is that they do their very best on each day; we know they can do it!
- Encourage them to be confident in themselves and their ability to do well.

- Encourage them to drink plenty of water at home and school.
- Ensure the children are in school **on time** every day during the testing week. The less rushed and panicked the children are before arriving at school, the better.

At the end of the year you will receive test results for your child in English Reading, English Grammar Punctuation and Spelling and Mathematics. These will be given as a “Scaled Score”, which can range from 80 to 120. The expected standard for a Year 6 child in the tests is a scaled score of 100 or above. Obviously the higher the scaled score the better their result. If they have not yet achieved the standard, and are therefore working towards Year 6 expectations their scaled score is below 100.

As last year, the English Writing will be teacher assessed on the work covered throughout the year. Along with the test results at the end of the year you will be sent separate teacher assessment judgements for English Reading, English Writing, Mathematics and Science. The children working on the Year 6 expectations will be assessed at either working at the expected standard or working towards that standard, because they have not yet met all the key criteria and need some more support. Only writing can be officially acknowledged as working at a higher level, which would be classed as working at greater depth at the expected standard, but achieving this is extremely difficult given the expected criteria.

Working with the children and watching their development this year has given us a great deal of confidence that they will perform admirably over this week. We certainly feel they are well prepared. We have done a number of ‘practice’ tests and actually carried out some of those in the hall so that the children could get used to the location. In essence, we feel everything has been done to help your child feel at ease and to allow them to perform at their very best.

We would just like to thank you for all the support you have provided to date and look forward to your continued support during the tests and beyond. If, however, you do have any worries or concerns regarding the SATs tests, please don’t hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Seavers.

Many thanks.

Miss G Woodall  
Upper Key Stage 2 Leader

