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Dear Parent/Carer

Key Stage 2 SATS Information

As you will know, in the summer term 2018, children at the end of Key Stage 2 (Y6) will sit the Standardised Assessment Tests (SATS). SATS week is the week beginning Monday 14th May 2018.

We will be holding an information meeting for Parents & Carers on Thursday 22nd March at 2:30 p.m. to outline the process and how you can help your child at home.

All children in Y6 across the country will go through the same process and be tested in:

- Reading
- Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar
- Maths

Reading

The reading test will be a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test. There will be a selection of question types, including:

- Ranking/ordering, e.g. 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- Labelling, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title of the story'
- Find and copy, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- Short constructed response, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- Open-ended response, e.g. 'Look at the sentence that begins Once upon a time. How does the writer increase the tension throughout this paragraph? Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer.'

The children are used to these types of questions through our Guided Reading sessions, home learning and undergoing practice type questions based on the SATS layouts .

English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling

The grammar, punctuation and spelling test will consist of two parts: a grammar and punctuation paper requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and an aural spelling test of 20 words, lasting around 15 minutes.

The grammar and punctuation test will include two sub-types of questions:

- Selected response, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives in the sentence below'
- Constructed response, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,' or, 'The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.'

Maths

Children will sit three papers in maths:

- Paper 1: arithmetic, 30 minutes
- Papers 2 and 3: reasoning, 40 minutes per paper

Paper 1 will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division.

Papers 2 and 3 will involve a number of question types, including:

- Multiple choice
- True or false
- Constrained questions, e.g. giving the answer to a calculation, drawing a shape or completing a table or chart
- Less constrained questions, where children will have to explain their approach for solving a problem

Writing

The teachers and Senior Leadership Team will also teacher assesses your child's writing to determine whether there is evidence they are working at the expected standard.

At Chilton Community Primary, we will organise the administration of the tests as laid out in the Government guidance:

Monday 14th	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: Questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: Spelling
Tuesday 15th	English reading
Wednesday 16th	Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic Maths Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 17th	Maths Paper 3: Reasoning

It is really important the children are in school every day and on time next term. These are statutory tests; it is vital that pupils attend school unless there are exceptional circumstances.

All Year 6 pupils will be invited to school for breakfast at 8:00 am Monday to Thursday of SATs week. Children will be able to enjoy breakfast and have the opportunity to discuss any issues and revise with staff.

We hope to see you at the information meeting on Thursday 22nd March 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Hemmings