



Wednesday 9th May 2018

### **2018 KS1 SATs Information**

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 2 Children,

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April we held a meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 2. This was organised so that we could pass on relevant information to you regarding the assessment arrangements for the end of KS1. Thank you to those who attended, we hope that you found the meeting helpful.

This presentation from the meeting has been made available on the school website (in Parents/Key Stage 1 SATS), alongside the sample test papers and the exemplification materials, some of which we shared at the meeting. The exemplifications show children's work for three categories:

- Working towards the expected level
- Working at the expected level
- Working at greater depth within the expected level

In 2017 a pre Key Stage Standard for English and maths was also introduced. This is used for pupils who are working below the lowest standard in the relevant framework for Teacher Assessment.

To summarise the main points from the parents' meeting:

- the tests will take place next week in school (either in the classroom, the suite or the workroom, depending on the number of children doing each test)
- teachers will be with the children during the tests
- the tests will be used to inform and support teachers' assessments
- staff will not use the terms 'test' or 'SATs' in school, and children will not experience 'test conditions'
- as always, Children will be supported so that they do not become anxious or worry that they 'can't do' something
- we will report all outcomes to parents in the usual way at the end of the year

We usually find that children enjoy the tests as they are presented in colourful booklets and they like both the novelty and the challenge. We do not usually have to deal with anxiety around the tests because we manage the situation so that the children see the tests as part of their school day and are encouraged to enjoy them and do their best to show us what they have learnt.

We hope that you find the above information both reassuring and informative. As always, please call in to see us if you have any queries or concerns.

Best wishes,

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