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Dear Parents/Carers,

SATs and Screening Tests 2023

If your child is in Years 1, 2, 4 or 6, later this year they will be taking their screening tests or SATs. These tests are compulsory and are set by the Government. The dates have been set as detailed below for you to support your child in the run up to these dates.

KS2 - Year 6 SATs

Key Stage Two SATs Year 6 Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May

Key Stage One SATs Year 2 Tuesday 2nd May - 26th May

Multiplication Tables Check Year 4 Tuesday 6th - Friday 16th June

Phonics Screening Test Year 1 From Monday 12th June

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8th May 2023. School will be closed on this day. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule in 2023 will be necessary. Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

Tuesday 9th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)

Wednesday 10th May: English reading paper

Thursday 11th May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)

Friday 12th May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)



KS1 - Year 2 SATs

Schools must administer the Year 2 SATs tests during the test period in the month of May. All schools have the freedom to choose the dates on which the tests are taken within this time frame.

Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Check

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies (including free schools) in England. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided. All schools must administer the MTC to all eligible year 4 pupils between Monday 5th June and Friday 16th June 2023. Schools can use the following week, Monday 19 June to Friday 23 June, to administer the check to any pupils who were absent during the first 2 weeks or in case of any delays to the administration of the check due to technical difficulties.

KS1 - Year 1 Phonics Screening

Schools must administer these screening checks for Year 1 commencing 12th June. Children that were unable to take the 2022 Phonics Screening Test in June 2022 and throughout the second half of the Autumn term are expected to take the 2023 Phonics Screening Test in Year 2. All schools have the freedom to choose a day within the week commencing 12th June 2023.

If you have any questions about this information - please get in touch.

Kind regards,

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