

# Year 6 SATs meeting



# AIMS OF THE MEETING

- ◉ To inform you about Year 6 SATs
- ◉ To encourage you to support your child to achieve their best

# WHAT ARE SATS?

- ⦿ Statutory Assessment Tests which all pupils take at the end of Key Stage 2.
- ⦿ They provide a snapshot of attainment in English, mathematics and science.
- ⦿ The tests take place during May and last for a whole week.
- ⦿ The tests are marked externally and reported in the end of year report.
- ⦿ Children are expected to achieve a Level 4 at the end of Key Stage 2.

# WHEN ARE SATS?

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

- ◉ Monday - Reading test (45 minutes plus 15 minutes reading time)
- ◉ Tuesday - writing short, writing long and spelling
- ◉ Wednesday - Mental maths and Maths A
- ◉ Thursday - Maths B (calculator allowed)
- ◉ Friday - Science (if selected)

# WHAT ARE THE RESULTS USED FOR?

- ◉ Monitoring school success
- ◉ Guiding secondary schools - they also test on entry though
- ◉ Guiding the school on how to improve our school - analysed each year



# THE ENGLISH TESTS

- ◉ There are three tests
  - writing test
  - spelling test
  - reading test
- ◉ Writing test
  - Longer task
  - Handwriting is assessed as part of the longer task (worth 3 marks)
  - Shorter task
  - Spelling test contains 20 words (worth 5 marks)
  - Total of 50 marks

## ○ Reading Test

- Only general instructions can be read
- 15 minutes reading time
- 45 minutes to answer questions
- Test can include a wide range of texts
- Total of 50 marks

# THE MATHEMATIC TESTS

- There are three tests
  - test A (non calculator)
  - test B (calculator)
  - mental arithmetic
- Test A and B have 40 marks each
- Mental arithmetic has 20 marks

# TEACHER ASSESSMENT

- This is an essential part of the national curriculum assessment and reporting arrangements. It is carried out as part of teaching and learning in the classroom.
- Teacher assessment results are reported alongside the test results. Both have equal status and provide complimentary information about a pupils attainment.

# PREPARING FOR THE TESTS IN SCHOOL

We are giving children opportunities to:

- ⦿ work independently
- ⦿ see the layout and design of previous years' tests
- ⦿ complete work in a given time
- ⦿ learn test strategies i.e. what to do if they cannot answer a question, read a word

# WAYS TO HELP

- ⦿ Don't get carried away - the tests are not an eleven-plus. A child does not fail SATs. Encourage children to be confident about their ability to do well. Playing is important - children should not be stopped from living their lives as normal during test week. Support you child in working through the revision homework set by school.
- ⦿ [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revisewise](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revisewise)
- ⦿ Athletics

# FINALLY



- ◉ Don't Panic
- ◉ Play your part - year 7 will be much easier as they tend to repeat many elements of year 6. Give your child a head start!
- ◉ Remember we do not teach to the tests. We are concerned with the whole child.