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Dear Parents of Year 6,

Well, that time has arrived – the culmination of all the hard work your child has put in over the past 7 years! We wanted to write and let you know some details.

There are 6 papers in total and they are spread over four days, Monday to Thursday. All tests are administered in the morning with 2 on some days and 1 on others. Where there are 2 tests, there is a break in between. The timetable for the week is:

Tuesday 9 May 2022	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2
Wednesday 10 May 2022	English - Reading
Thursday 11 May 2022	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Friday 12 May 2022	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Whilst there are no strict timings for when to start the test, it is expected that you do them as early on in the morning as possible so we start between 9:00 and 9:30. We will provide all the equipment needed for the test but please make sure that your child brings a water bottle in with them.

To help create a calm and supportive start to the day, we will be having a breakfast club just for Year 6. This is a really important start to the day and in the 20 years I have been teaching, I have only ever known children and families to really value it. We have already asked the children what they would like and it includes cereal, pancakes, toast and beans on one day! Breakfast club will run from 8am in the classroom. We also invite the children to bring in a little mascot with them. They will not be able to have them on their table during the tests but we will put them on the floor at the front of the hall. After the tests, we will give the children a small treat and have some down time.

We normally finish the week with a trip out for all the Year 6s across the Federation but due to the bank holiday that week, the tests have been moved forward a day meaning there will be a test on the Friday. We are looking at alternative dates as close to SATs week as possible to ensure that the children don't miss out and will let you know further details as soon as possible.

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SATs week is an important week for your child. Whilst we don't want them to feel any pressure from us, we know that they want to do their absolute best and that is all we ever ask of them. We also know it can be quite a daunting week for you also and your child may display some challenging or unusual behaviours over the course of the week. This is perfectly normal; there are lots of emotions running around with tests, transitions to High School, just being a pre-teen. However, if you feel you need to come and see us then please do not hesitate in finding either myself, Miss George or Mrs Neary. We are here for you too.

If you have any questions or queries then please do let us know.

Kind regards,



Emma Spaul
Head of School Castle Acre Church of England Primary Academy