



Dear Year 6 Children and Parents

I would like to thank all of the children for the confident way in which they approached the SATs assessments this week. The children have taken a mature attitude towards the SATs and prepared to ensure they performed as best as they could possibly do. Already the SATs are in the past and the children can now continue think about their residential visit, performances, sports opportunities and the many other learning experiences planned as they prepare for secondary education and beyond.

It is our aim to give children as best an education as possible in readiness for the life ahead. This of course means ensuring they are as literate and numerate as possible with a never ending love of discovering new things each day. Parents, teachers and children have various views about the SATs and testing at this age. However like them or loathe them, the children take part in them each year. We work very hard to ensure that our children are prepared for them so they can walk into the assessments each morning knowing they have tried their best to show what they know and what they can do.

Whatever the outcomes I would like to impress on every child that the assessments are a test of a small part of who they are. Each week I take great delight in hearing about and celebrating the many achievements of all of our children; whether a great sporting achievement or musical or artistic endeavour. I could not be more proud when a member of the public comes up to me and notes how wonderfully polite, considerate or thoughtful our children have been. All of our children take part in so many diverse experiences and exciting things. These are clearly the great foundations of a good education, producing well rounded children with a great interest and passion for life. I hope that after the SATs are over you can contextualise the SATs as a necessary but tiny part of your life. There is so much more ahead...

I would like to thank all of the staff who supported the children in preparation for the SATs both this year in particular, but not forgetting teachers in previous years. Thank you to the children for preparing and learning diligently and parents for their ongoing encouragement and support over the past few weeks.

Like the Year 6 staff, the children will be very tired, but the next few weeks will provide a huge range of exciting learning opportunities and we look forward to them. Well done to every child in Year 6 we are all very proud of you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Jones

Dear Parents

Tomorrow we will be sending Mrs Gladwinfield off to Kenya along with Mrs Highton who is joining her, for a four week visit. During their time they will be regularly visiting a primary school. If you would like to make any contributions or support Mrs Gladwinfield, please send these tomorrow to enable her to take them with her to Kenya.

## World Cup Fever – Timestables Rocks Challenge.

We are announcing a very special prize for all children who get at 5000 pts for the next two weeks on Times tables Rocks. If children get 5000pts next week and during half term we will be awarding each child in the juniors a Soccer Starz World Cup figure.



Children will all have their login in the Junior classes so please go on and see if you can beat your time and collect your points. Passwords are in school planners if some children are unsure. We also have a special challenge for Year 6 as Mr Jones and Mrs Gates will be taking three of our fastest times tables rocks stars to an inter-school challenge in Bolton later in the Year. Get practising Year 6!

## Mufti Day - Tomorrow



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – We are holding a Mufty day to raise funds to support Simba Primary School in Kenya. Mrs Gladwinfield and Mrs Highton will be travelling to Kenya to visit the school for four weeks to support them. £1 will feed the children there for a week. Please dress up in Black/Green/Red – colours of the Kenyan Flag.

## Parking

Can you please do everything possible to park around school thoughtfully to enable as many people to park as possible and also ensure we do not block the main routes around school. This helps avoid conflict at a potential pressured time. Thank you very much.

## Filming in Kirkby Lonsdale

Some of our children have had the opportunity to visit the filming this week of Dr Dolittle. They have watched the animals performing and met some of the actors and extras as well as the crew.



## Sporting Achievements



Once again congratulations to our rugby teams who performed excellently at the Settlebeck Rugby Festival.

As clubs hold the end of season award ceremonies at this time we have been able to also celebrate the super successes of this year. We have also seen some personal achievements over the past week at various events ranging from Kendal Athletics, gymnastics and aquathons.



## Spelling

One or two parents have been asking (particularly in the junior classes) how they can help their children with spelling. This is especially a concern for those finding spelling difficult. We have included all of the spellings for each year group in the planners, which should be a helpful guide. We have attached these as part of the email for your reference and to help support your children.

Summer Dates - please see below....

## Summer Term Dates

### May

May 18 <sup>th</sup>	NON UNIFORM DAY – Supporting Kenya Trip (£1)
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reception/KS1 Vision Assessments
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Reception Celebration Assembly Year 3 – Vindolanda Trip
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Music Composition Day

### June

June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Kwik Cricket Competition – Year 6
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hawse End Residential – Year 6 U11s Cricket Festival – Casterton
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Athletics – Casterton
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day - Infants (am) Juniors (pm)
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Manchester/Rochdale Residential – Year 4 <u>NON UNIFORM DAY – Dressing up in Pink &amp; making PIG Cakes</u>
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Craven Judo Competition
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Visit Day
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery and Reception Visit Girls Cricket Festival – Burneside Cricket Ground Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Competition (Y4/5/6)
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	BIG SING – ALL Junior Children at Sedbergh Prep - 9:15am

### July

July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Music Concert (am)
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Fair
July 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>	Infants and Reception Performance – St Mary's School Hall
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Transition session – Ingleton Methodists
July 16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup>	Juniors Performance – QES Harlequin Theatre
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Event
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Service – St Mary's Church