

# BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 'Achieving Together'

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Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

### **RE: Year 6 SATs Week, w/c 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

2023 sees the second year of the national tests for Year 6 children since Covid. SATs week is important on many levels. Firstly, it provides you with an indication of how well your child is performing against children across the country and against the national expectations for year 6 children. You may remember that the expectations for Year 6 children increased in 2016 with the new, harder SATs tests and teacher assessments.

Secondly, our local secondary schools use the SATs results to group children and assess whether they need extra support on entry to their school. Wirral secondary schools are always complimentary about the children they receive from Bidston Avenue, not only for their results, but also because of their good social skills, self-confidence and good manners. We are proud of this and hope that you are too.

Thirdly, the schools will be judged upon these results. We have aspirational targets, which are set by the governing body and we always do our best to attain them. The children will sit tests in reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) and Mathematics.

The tests are a snapshot of what your child can do, on-the-day, in these subject areas. They are not able to, and cannot, provide a whole view of your child and the range of great things they can do. They cannot tell if your child is a great singer, dancer or painter. They cannot see that your child is a gymnast, a footballer or a comedian! They do not make your child a 'failure' if they don't achieve an expected standard.

All we ask is that your child is in and does their very best because **'only their best is good enough'**.

Please ensure that your child is not absent during this week, as they will be unable to take the tests.

### **All SATs tests are in the morning ONLY and run as follows:**

DATE	Before Break	After Break
Tues 9th May 2023	Grammar & Punctuation	Spelling
Wed 10th May 2023	Reading	
Thurs 11th May 2023	Maths Arithmetic (Paper 1)	Maths Reasoning (Paper 2)
Fri 12th May 2023	Maths Reasoning (Paper 3)	

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We do our best to ensure that the children are as calm and prepared as possible. We do not sit the tests in the hall as we think this is too formal, so we keep children in familiar rooms or a quieter space if they need it. We will provide your child with some toast and fruit on each test morning, too.

If your child is ill during SATs week then it is really important that you ring to speak to us as soon as possible on the morning of the illness. Call 0151 652 1594 and press option 5.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support over the years and wish every child the best of luck next week.

Yours sincerely,

**S.G. Brady (Headteacher) and the Year 6 Team**