

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Y6 Parents/Carers,

The summer term – filled with key milestones in the journey of a Connaught child – is now upon us. Please read on to find out more about this half term and what it has in store.

The SATs are fast approaching and will be happening in w/c 13th May. The assessments are scheduled as follows:

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| Monday 13th May: | English grammar, punctuation and spellings Paper 1: Questions (45 mins) English grammar, punctuation and spellings Paper 2: Spellings (20 mins) |
| Tuesday 14th May: | English reading (60 mins) |
| Wednesday 15th May: | Maths Paper 1: arithmetic (30 mins) Maths Paper 2: reasoning (40 mins) |
| Thursday 16th May: | Maths Paper 3: reasoning (40 mins) |

The children have been working incredibly hard since joining Year 6 and we are delighted with the progress they have all made since September. We have every confidence that they will make themselves proud.

In the build-up to the assessments, we will be doing some extra practice and going over previously taught units of work. Our aim is for your child to feel confident and relaxed going into these tests so we will be balancing these practice lessons with other opportunities for non-SATs learning and a chance to wind-down. We will also be including lots of positive praise, encouragement and mindfulness to support their wellbeing. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you feel your child is getting overly worried or anxious.

Thank you for your support with extra SATs revision homework. Every little bit of extra practice will help and will go a long way in making your child feel confident in their skills. We hope that your children are seeing the value of the extra revision and we hope that they continue with this as we get closer to SATs. Please speak to your class teacher if you are unsure where your child should be focusing and please be aware that we may be sending home extra homework in the coming weeks.

If you want some extra information about the SATs, please remember that the video of the SATs Information Evening can be found on the school website. Also, there are extra revision materials and 'How To' videos on the school website.

SATs breakfast

A Connaught tradition in recent years has been to offer our Year 6 children a special SATs breakfast on the mornings of their assessments. I am pleased to say that this will be going ahead again this year. I know some of the children see it as a rite of passage and have already been asking about it. More information about the SATs breakfasts will follow in another letter. We encourage all children to participate in the treat even if they decide not to have any of

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the breakfast pastries. It is a wonderful chance to talk and relax before each of the tests and is a great start to the morning.

Curriculum

Even with the distraction of the SATs, we are still fully committed to providing your child with a broad and balanced curriculum. Please find our Summer 1 theme overview attached to this letter. As you know, this is designed to give you some information regarding the key themes we will be covering and some more detail on the topic for the term ahead.

Our topic this term is entitled 'The Ancient Mayans' and is a history-based topic. Please note that some of these learning opportunities might be taught in the second part of the summer term.

Please read the theme overview carefully, as it will give you a good understanding of the topics being covered with your child over this half term. We encourage you to discuss the questions and key vocabulary with your child both before and during their learning on this topic. This will help them feel well-prepared and more confident for the learning journey ahead.

Uniform

Overall, the children's uniform continues to look very smart and most children are representing the school well. Thank you for all your efforts in getting the children to school looking this way – we can appreciate that this is sometimes not an easy task! To maintain this high standard, please encourage your child to remember their blazer and wear it into school on non-PE day mornings. If you have any queries or questions about school uniform, please refer to the Uniform Policy on the school website or contact your child's class teacher.

And finally...

If you have any questions or concerns, then please do get in touch. Please email us directly on our class email addresses and we will respond within 48 hours. Alternatively, you can phone or email the school office. We always aim to foster positive relationships with our parents so if you have a question about anything, approaching us directly is the best way forward to ensure that we can support you effectively.

Kind Regards

Mr Stevens

Miss Parkinson

Mrs Inglis

Mr Hornsby