



Dear Parents & Carers

SATs week

Our year 6 children are really excited about SATs next week! They have worked incredibly hard this year and it is lovely to see how proud they are of the progress that they have made. The assessments will be taking place on the following days:

Monday 14 th May	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Grammar Assessments 1 and 2
Tuesday 15 th May	Reading Assessment
Wednesday 16 th May	Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic Maths Paper 2: Mathematical Reasoning
Thursday 17 th May	Maths Paper 3: Mathematical Reasoning

During both our practise SATs week and the SATs week itself, we will be sitting most tests in two sessions as we have a large number of children in year 6 and don't have enough adults to support them in one sitting. Children who have taken the tests will not come into contact with those children that have not.

We will also be using the following support in school:

Questions read when requested: All of our children can raise their hands and ask for questions to be read to them but this is not allowed in the reading paper. In the maths papers, numbers cannot be read to the children if they will give a child an advantage and no mathematical language can be read to the children.

Prompters: A few children who suffer with severe attention difficulties will also have an adult sitting beside them. This adult is there to prompt the child to re-focus on the paper they are working on.

Transcribes: We have a number of children in year 6 whose handwriting, particularly when working under timed conditions, can be difficult to read. Rather than lose marks because children's answers cannot be read, these children will have an opportunity to read their work back to an adult who will re-write the answer on the test paper. Where this happens, one adult will transcribe a child's work whilst another observes this to make sure it is done correctly. When the papers are sent off to the markers, they will read the child's answer first before then referring to the transcribed answer if the child's writing is not clear.

Additional time: We have a handful of children who will receive an additional 25% of the test time. We have been given permission to do this by the STA as these children have either a slow writing or reading speed.

I would like to thank all of our parents who have given our children so much support in the lead up to SATs. Our final tips for making next week as calm and productive as possible are to ensure your children:

- Have a good night's sleep.
- Have a good breakfast every morning.
- Have a healthy break time snack in school.
- Have a water bottle in school each day.
- Arrive at school on time.

The Standards and Testing Agency have also produced an information booklet for parents which will be emailed out with the newsletter.

A really special day – Year 5

Year 5 visited the Hayling College last Friday and were inspired by the wonderful range of incredible musical talent on show. They enjoyed taster sessions in a variety of subjects including music, French, English, art, drama, geography and food technology, which they thoroughly enjoyed. In the afternoon, they took part in a range of team work activities run by the prefects. It was lovely to see our children showing so much enthusiasm, enjoyment and support for each other. Their behaviour was impeccable! Well done for representing the school so well!

I met a member of staff from Hayling College on Friday evening who told me, 'Your children were a credit to the school today. Their attitude and behaviour was amazing and we will really look forward to working with them if they join us in year 7.'

Well done year 5!

Learning Behaviour Stars

Don't forget to look on our school Instagram account to see who the Learning Bee Stars were this week as well as keeping up to date with what our children have been doing. If you would like to follow us please search for 'millrythejuniorschool.'

Have a lovely weekend.

David Bessant

Headteacher

Diary Dates 2017/18

14 th May	SATs Week
18 th May	Film Club
18 th May	History of Art Day
25 th May	House Cinema Reward Day
26 th May	Abseiling Challenge at Gunwharf
4 th June	House Winners Non-Uniform Day
18 th June	Non Uniform Day, £1 donation for PTA
29 th June	Yr 6 Trip to Paulton's Park
2 nd July	Yr 3/4 Sports Day and ACE Time
3 rd July	Yr 5/6 Sports Day and ACE Time
5 th July	Yr 6 Portsmouth University
11 th &12 th July	Hayling College Transition Days
12 th July	MRJS Transition Day
17 th July	History Day
20 th July	Yr 6 and Parents Leavers Assembly
20 th July	Last day of the school year
23 rd July	INSET day