Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support over the last few months ensuring that children are motivated and well prepared for their standardised assessment tasks (SATs).

The tests begin on Monday 13th May. Primary aged children all over the country will be undertaking these assessments to measure their progress and achievement in the primary curriculum. I’m so proud of the hard work, attitude and serious work ethic of every single child in Year 6. They have been committed and focussed in their preparations for the whole year.

It’s important that children have a rest the weekend before the tests. Last minute cramming isn’t usually helpful. Everyone needs to get a good night’s sleep each evening during the week of the tests and have good breakfast, leaving plenty of time to get to school early.

All children in Year 6 are invited and encouraged to come to school for breakfast club, free of charge, from Monday to Thursday during the assessments. Breakfast club is open from 7.45am.

Feeling a little nervous is absolutely fine before take a test, but it’s important that everyone takes part in them, if possible at the same time. In the unlikely event that your child is unwell, you must telephone the school office as soon as you are aware. Test timetables can be altered but it is very tricky to do so as your child would need to be kept apart from their peers until they were able to take the test. We find it’s best to get them over with so they can enjoy the rest of the term.

Children will be taking the test in a couple of different rooms around the school. We will keep you posted about how things are going throughout the week.

It’s important to stress that learning doesn’t stop after the SATs are concluded. Children will be working towards their assessments in writing and they will also be preparing for their transition to secondary school in their different subject areas.

We have put some information about the SATs onto our school website at: [http://www.sirjohncassprimary.org/assessment.html](http://www.sirjohncassprimary.org/assessment.html) Alternatively, you can watch a video on Youtube explaining ‘National curriculum tests at Key Stage 2’ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIbCj1QoElE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIbCj1QoElE)

If you have any questions or comments, please speak with a member of the leadership team who will be happy to help.

With thanks,

Miss A Allan | Headteacher