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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you all to say how proud we are of each and every Year 6 child and the efforts and determination they have shown towards their SATS assessments. They have really shown our school values of resilience and respect.

The children, with the support of the teaching team, have made huge progress this year, and should be very proud of themselves, regardless of the results.

It has come to our attention that some of you are concerned about the pressure of SATS. I wanted to reassure you that at Eastry we know that the SATS do not define a child, they measure a part of the curriculum on a given day. They are however, a statutory requirement by the Department of Education and must be delivered as outlined in the administration guidance including silent working, and additional invigilators to maintain these statutory expectations.

The children have been well supported across the year to be prepared for the assessments, not only in their learning but emotionally. For example, by preparing learning spaces to meet their needs, use of agreed adaptations, regular check ins, including 1:1s, a 'soft start' to the morning where the children have time to eat, chat and be outside with their peers, a relaxed curriculum after the test is complete to support their wellbeing, encouragement and praise and updates to parents as appropriate. Additionally, they have had access to practice papers throughout the year to prepare them for the types of questions they could encounter and teaching has then been planned to support any gaps in learning identified in these tests. The children and the Year 6 team should be very proud of what they have achieved so far, a huge amount of effort from the children and staff have enabled them to be well prepared including short sharp revision bursts with games and practical activities to cater for a variety of learning styles. The children have also benefited from additional voluntary time from Mrs Kemp supporting them throughout the year.

I know of course the children are very excited for the reward day on Friday that they have truly earned and Miss Leishman and Mrs Kemp have carefully planned for them.

Thank you for your continued support, at all times the children's wellbeing has been paramount. Just one more assessment to go and then the focus will be on supporting the children ahead of secondary school, end of Key Stage 2 writing assessment, continuing with a breadth of learning and the excitement of residential, end of year celebrations and the production!

If you have any further worries, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Moss".

Mrs Sarah Moss
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