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Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**SATS - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Dear parents,

As you are aware, all Year 6 pupils will be taking their Key Stage 2 SATs assessments from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. These are external assessments and will measure our children's progress in Reading, Punctuation, Spelling and Maths. The results of these assessments measure the progress of attainment from Year 2 to Year 6. They are also used during our transition discussions with our secondary schools as an indicator of a pupil's ability.

Although these assessments are important, we have been approaching them in a balanced and supportive way to ensure our children have the understanding and knowledge to tackle the papers but also the skills to deal with any stress or anxiety they may cause – this is perfectly normal. During the year we have very much encouraged the children to simply 'try their very best' and to be resilient in their approach even if they find some aspects of the tests challenging. We talk openly and honestly about why these tests are important, but they do not totally encapsulate their learning during their time at Northbrook Primary Academy or the children as individuals. They do, however, give every one of the children an opportunity to show their knowledge in the core areas of Maths and English.

Next week we will be going through in detail how the test arrangements will work for all the children in Year 6. We will share this presentation with you before the end of the week. We will also host a practice, prior to the test week, so they become familiar with the assessment environment and the expectations around behaviour and conduct.

During the test week we will be offering breakfast to all our Year 6 children in our dining room from 8:30am. We will offer sausage butties (meat free option too), cereals, toast and juice. This will help us ensure all children are in school early, 'fuelled' for the morning and allow us to collectively ease any fears, as well as foster the team ethos we have worked so hard to establish at Northbrook.

Rest assured that as staff we will be doing everything we can to support each and every child to shine. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Morris at school.

Finally, it goes without saying that we wish them all the very best of luck!

Kindest regards,

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**The dates and times of the assessments are shown below:**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 9:30am - English grammar, punctuation and spelling test**

Paper 1: Short Answer Questions (45 minutes)

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 11:00am - English grammar, punctuation and spelling test**

Paper 2: Spelling Task (20 minutes)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30am - English Reading Test**

Reading booklet and associated answer booklet (60 minutes)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30am - Mathematics**

Paper 1 - Arithmetic test (30 minutes)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00am - Mathematics**

Paper 2 - Reasoning (40 minutes)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30am - Mathematics**

Paper 3 - Reasoning (40 minutes)



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