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Dear Parents/Carers

This year the government in its wisdom has 'raised the bar' with the Year 6 curriculum and we are led to believe that the SATs will be much harder than in previous years. As teachers and a school we are very wary of this and we have worked tirelessly to respond to the 'pressures' and ridiculous demands. But we are adults and we have to remember there are children in this and as much as we have tried not to concern them with the politics of the situation, some are starting to worry. This is ridiculous, worries and upsets me greatly and it is something we have to try and address. The children understand they come to school to learn and they know hard work is expected and important but they have become embroiled in a political game and it is not fair.

Therefore tomorrow Year 6 can come to school in non-uniform. They may watch some films, eat popcorn, ice cream and if the weather is nice we will walk to the park. In addition there will be no homework this weekend. The learning will mainly consist of conversation, fun and team work as they interact and play games. Yes we have the end of term play and residential to look forward to but they need some time now and it is well deserved.

If you have any concerns regarding this or anything else please come in and discuss them with me. In the meantime please talk to your child, tell them not to worry and reassure them as we do that their best is good enough, all we ask is that they give this in all they do.

Thank you as always for your support in all we do for our children.

Yours sincerely

M Mountcastle

