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Dear Year 6 Parents & Carers

SATs week

As you are aware, the **Year 6 SATs** take place week commencing Monday 13th May. We wanted to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of every member of Year 6. They have worked their socks off and each made a wonderful amount of progress over the year. Whilst we fully encourage them to give each paper their very best shot and show off what they know, we also want to acknowledge that the tests are a small snapshot of what they can do in that particular hour on that particular day. We want them to know that day in day out they have already impressed us no end; every day they demonstrate how hard they can work and how well they can do. Whilst we know some nerves and anxiety will be normal, we hope they will enter the exam room feeling confident knowing they are well prepared for these tests.

DATE	EXAM
Mon 13 th May	Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation (Paper 1) Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation (Paper 2)
Tue 14 th May	English Reading
Wed 15 th May	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thu 16 th May	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)



During the week, please send your child in with a **bottle of fresh water and a healthy snack for playtime**. Hopefully they will have had a good breakfast at home to see them through until playtime. They need to arrive at school on time (or a little earlier) to allow them time to go to the toilet and get settled and calm before we start.

In the afternoons, we will plan to keep the children busy but relaxed. We will do some revision to keep facts top of their mind for the next day and also do some fun activities and sports as well.

There will be **no homework set the Friday before SATs**. Instead, we hope children can use that time to relax.

After SATs we have a busy few months ahead of us. Our trip to Willersley Castle will be an exciting end to SATs week and a nice reward for all of their hard work. When we get back, we will be kicking off our Business Enterprise Project!

Business Enterprise

In teams, children create and develop a small business where they plan to sell a product or service with the aim to make a profit. As well as developing team work, problem solving, communication, initiative and leadership skills, it also teaches about concepts such as profit, handling money and how a business is run. We often see children shine having been given the freedom to show us what they are made of as they become young entrepreneurs. There will be several prizes and awards to be won. Whilst the children can nominate people they want to work with, we will decide the final teams to ensure everyone gets to work with some children of their choice.



Once the teams have developed their ideas, they will be asked to make a presentation to the 'Dragon's Den' panel to bid for funding to buy their initial stock/materials (date tbc). Once the loan has been agreed, the children will need to start thinking about buying materials and may have to do tasks at home to ensure their product is ready for selling. This will be their main homework for the weeks leading up to selling day. Please be aware that if you buy any materials for your child's company and you need reimbursing, please give your child the receipt for the goods and you will be paid by their company.

We will be holding a selling day in school on **Monday 8th July** for other children to buy off them, and for parents to buy after school. More details about this will be sent nearer the time.

We would really appreciate your support once the project has started by discussing their ideas with them throughout their project and help them with the purchase of their materials/stock.

Money raised from their project will be used in three ways: To reduce the cost of a Year 6 trip, to support a charity chosen by one of the children and finally to be used by the school to benefit the children in younger years who have supported the project by buying the products/services made by the Year 6 children.

Some other dates for your diary:

- Year 6 Leavers' Service at Manchester Cathedral (children only) **Tuesday 18th June**
- Year 6 Production **Thursday 11th July and Friday 12th July (evening)**
- During their last week, we will have a Year 6 water fight (details given nearer the time)
- Year 6 Leavers' Service at Walmsley Church (parents invited) **Thursday 18th July** (time TBC but will be around 09:15am-09:30am)
- Year 6 last day send-off (parents invited) **Friday 19th July**. This will be a short assembly in the school hall before sending them off to parents for the last time! Details TBC but this will be towards the end of the school day.

Secondary School

Over the next few weeks, we will be starting transition work getting your children ready for moving onto their secondary schools. We will be filling in forms and speaking to Head of Year teachers and SEND teachers regarding your children to ensure they have all the information they need to provide the best support for your child. If there is any information that you feel we need to pass on to the secondary schools that we may not already be aware of, please contact us as soon as possible to discuss. Children will be invited to a transition day at their new school, usually at the start of July.

Thank you as ever for your continued support. Year 6 are an amazing group of children and we look forward to making the most of working with them during their remaining few months at Walmsley.

If you would like to discuss any of the information above, please do not hesitate to contact us via the office.

Many thanks

Mrs Saxby, Mr Catterall and Miss Leamey