

Whitstable Junior School

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Year 6 SATS Information 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you may be aware the children's End of Key Stage 2 Tests are now only a few weeks away (**Monday 9th May until Thursday 12th May**) therefore I am writing to you to ensure that you know exactly the dates of the test, how you can support your child at home before and during the tests and our plans for rewarding their hard work and commitment. Further information is available on our website in the 'School Information' section under SATs 2022. Over the past few weeks children have been practicing tests that are similar to the ones they will be sitting during the actual SAT's week, this is to ensure any that the children feel comfortable and familiar with the process and know what to expect during the week.

How you can support your child:

- Reassure them that they just have to try their best on the day.
- Encouraging them to spend 10-20 minutes a day reading a challenging book, practicing their spelling and timetables.
- Keeping an early and **regular bedtime routine** in the days leading up to and including the test week.
- Ensure your child has breakfast every day.

During the SATs week:

The children can arrive as normal but from 8.30am every morning the children will have access to breathing and relaxation sessions with the WBT to help calm any nerves, plus a light breakfast to set the day off to a good start.

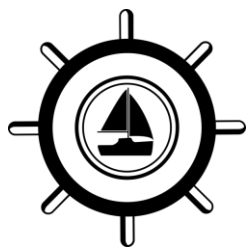
Throughout the week the children will be given rest breaks and time to relax through PE, Art and ICT once the tests are completed.

Please could you make sure that your child has a **water bottle, a mid-morning snack and their reading glasses** (should they require them). They can also bring in a small cuddly toy or fiddle toy (that does not make any noise) which may help reassure them.

What should you do if your child is unwell or late during the week?

Should your child become unwell during the week, please don't feel that they should come in, just call the office and we can make alternative arrangements for the tests to be taken at another time, once they are feeling better. However, we would appreciate it if you could avoid them having contact with their classmates who have already taken the missed test(s) due to testing regulations. Should you be running late, just call the office and we can still ensure your child takes the test that day, once they have arrived.





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When are each of the tests during the week?

| Day | Test Type | Duration |
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| Monday 9 th May | Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar | 20 minutes for the spelling test 45 minutes for the Grammar and Punctuation test. |
| Tuesday 10 th May | English Reading Paper | 60 minutes – 3 different texts to read and answer questions related to the text. |
| Wednesday 11 th | Arithmetic Paper 1 | 30 minutes for the arithmetic test – covering the 4 operations, fractions, decimals, % and BIDMAS |
| | Reasoning Paper 2 | 40 minutes for the reasoning test – involving real life problems related to the all of the KS2 concepts. |
| Thursday 12 th May | Reasoning Paper 3 | 40 minutes for the reasoning test – involving real life problems related to the all of the KS2 concepts. |

Organisation during the day

The tests take place in the year 6 area, either in the children's classrooms, or the studio or the BCR room; all areas that the children feel comfortable spending time in.

All of the tests will be completed during the morning, with a view to starting each day by about 9.30am. The majority of the children will complete the tests without any additional support; however, should your child require additional support then you will receive a letter explaining what will be provided.

Our sole aim is to support the children through this process; to ensure they always feel as happy and as confident as possible and remove any anxiety or pressure that they may feel. Every endeavour has been taken to consider all the children's needs, worries and requirements so that they can all achieve their best. The WBT team will be available throughout the week for the children to talk to and we have also organised a celebration for the Friday by way of a trip to Cornwallis Circle.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email (kroy@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk) or telephone the office.

Kind regards,
Kate Roy
Assistant Headteacher

