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Year 6 SATs

All year, our Year 6 children have been working really hard and next week they will sit their SATs. Please continue to support us by ensuring your child attends school every day and they are ready to learn. Early nights would be greatly appreciated! Breakfast club will take place next week for all Year 6 pupils. Miss Close's door will be open from 8.15am. I know all their hard work will pay off next week. Good luck to all the children involved.

School Development Plan

This year, as outlined in the School Development Plan, we have been working hard to make sure our children are always challenged in their maths lessons. We have trialled different ways of doing this and recently looked at the results that the trials have had on our children's work. Also, we have spoken to the Junior Leadership Team so the children could tell us what they believe has helped them. Most children will now start their maths lessons with a "deep end" question. This question is designed to challenge the children at the start of a lesson. It allows the children to think about how the problem can be solved. The teacher will then work through the problem with the class and cover the main teaching points of the lesson. We have also decided that every class will use maths expert badges. These badges are worn by children to support others when they are working. They will also wear the badges when they model or explain a new concept in front of the other children. The children in Key Stage 2 might also be given start buttons in their maths lessons. They will receive a button if the teacher feels that they can start their independent work sooner than the other children. Please speak to your child about how they are being challenged in different ways in their maths lessons.

Year 2 SATs

This week, the children in Year 2 began their SATs. I know the children have been working extremely hard all year and I am sure they will do well in these tests. Please ensure all our Year 2 children are in school ready and eager to learn, to make sure they do their best. I will keep you updated on how well they have done after half term.

Chilli Challenges

Over the last two years, we have made sure our children deepen their learning towards the end of the lesson by completing a chilli challenge. The children complete these daily in their English and maths lessons. We also want our children to regularly complete these challenges in their non-core lessons. This week, we displayed some of the challenges that have been done in our computing lessons in the ICT suite on our Hall of Fame display. Well done to Whitney-Mai Carter, Leah Copeland, Evan Lawton, Archie Wynard, Arians Kalnins, Jess Best and Finlay Allan who had their work chosen by their teacher.

Attendance

I am pleased that our whole-school attendance improved last week and I really hope that this can continue. Well done to Year 4 for having the highest attendance last week. Their attendance was more than 98%. We will continue to work hard this term to ensure that the academy meets our whole-school target.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher