



FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

**Pound Avenue
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15th March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Important Information for Parents/Carers of Children in Year 6

As you may be aware, a new curriculum for primary school children, with new assessment procedures, was introduced in 2014.

Your child will be sitting tests in May 2017 that reflect the raised expectations of this new curriculum. Since September, we have gradually been preparing your child for these tests whilst also maintaining a broad and balanced curriculum through Topic based teaching.

For the last half term, there has been an increased focus on: revision of key aspects of learning; test techniques; understanding the language of test questions; writing for a range of purposes; and time management. Subject areas that have not been covered this half term will be blocked and delivered in greater depth in the Summer Term.

During the rest of this half term, over the Easter holidays and in the lead up to the SATs we would like you to support your child to:

- Discuss - What areas are they confident about? What do they feel they need the most support with? What helps them to make progress in their learning?
- Read through the 'Grammar Revision Guide' and the 'Maths Revision Guide' – tick off the things they know. Highlight the things they are less sure about. Make these the areas they spend most time practising, on Samlearning or other web-based revision sites.
- Read every day (20-30 mins)
- Practice instant recall of multiplication facts every day (5-10 mins)
- Use Samlearning on at least 3 occasions per week (KS2 reading, writing or maths only)
- Complete set homework tasks thoroughly

We would like to invite you to a **Parent/Carer Information Evening** on Tuesday 21st March in the Year 6 building.

At this meeting we will:

- Give you the most up to date information about the tests and the assessment judgements
- Talk to you about how the children have been performing 'generally' during the practice tests we have carried out so far
- Explain the groupings and timetable in place
- Explain the teaching and learning priorities as they currently stand
- Discuss what children can do to help themselves
- Suggest further support that you could give your children
- Discuss how we can balance raising expectations, test preparation (bearing in mind that tests will be a part of their lives every year from now on until they are at least 18 years of age) and ensuring that children do not become unduly pressured or anxious.

We will hold one session at 3.30pm, then repeat the same session at 6.30pm. For both sessions a crèche will be available.

Please complete the reply slip below to indicate which session you will be able to attend. We will be available at the end of each session to answer any questions 1:1 you may have about your child.

Thank you for your support.

Miss S Pollen and Mr B Tweeddell
Year 6 Teachers

Year 6 Parent/Carer Information Evening

I/we will be able to attend the Information Evening for parents/carers of children in Year 6 on:

- ☐ Tuesday 21st March at 3.30 pm

OR

- ☐ Tuesday 21st March at 6.30 pm

OR

- ☐ I have received this letter but will not be attending either meeting.

I will/will not be needing crèche facilities.

Child's Name _____

Class _____