HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are aware, Year 6 children will be taking KS2 SATs in May this year. The SATs week is 10th - 14th May and it is essential that all children are in school at this time. If your child is not in school, a 'nil return' will be entered as they cannot take the tests at any other time. However, we will be working on writing to be assessed until the end of June as well as the rest of our curriculum until the end of July, so this is still a key time.

In school, our aim is that each child can 'do their best, without getting stressed!' As parents, there are some things you can do to help your child within Year 6 and leading up to May. Please try to ensure that your child:

- Attends school consistently – a week's holiday will make a huge difference at this stage as they cannot catch up the work missed and they will also get out of the work routine
- Gets enough sleep
- Gets enough play, especially outside and with friends
- Reads frequently
- Completes all set homework to the best of their ability and hands it in on time
- Knows their times tables, both multiplication & division
- Revises frequently, especially the things that they find difficult

Your child will take written, externally marked papers in Maths (3 papers); Grammar, punctuation & Spelling (2 papers) and Reading (1 paper). Writing is assessed internally with no externally marked test. However, spelling and punctuation are key elements of the assessment of writing and so please help your child to learn to spell the sets of words that they are given.

I will be holding a meeting for parents regarding SATs on **Tuesday 6th October at 3.15pm** in the Year 6 classroom. The meeting should last no longer than 30 minutes.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully

Mr D Ainslie
Year 6 Teacher