

Week Commencing: 11th May 2020



Hello Year 6,

We hope you and your families are all still safe, healthy and remaining positive. Again, it was lovely to talk to so many of you last week! The longer we have been apart, the harder some of you may be finding things right now so we'd like to remind you of our precept from Wonder: *be kind*. To your parents (who are likely finding this challenging too), to others (both friends and strangers) and importantly, to yourself ☺

We're going to be really honest with you all. When we came to write to you this week, for the first time, we struggled to find the words to say. Not because we don't have lots that we want to tell you or ask you about (we really do!) but because we're writing this letter on what should have been a really big day for you all. Today, you should have been sitting the first of your SATs tests. Whilst many of you may feel that the cancelling of the SATs tests is the best news ever, some of you may be feeling sad or a little unsettled this week and we understand that; we feel a little sad that this day has come too. It really reminds us how strange the world is right now and why we're all staying safe at home. As you know, Year 6 has always been about much more than tests, but you all worked incredibly hard this year and your SATs tests were just an opportunity to show the rest of the world the amazing and talented young people that **we** already know you are. So, we're sending extra love and prayers to you all today.

This week, you do not have to do a Maths or English activity. On the school website and the Y6 learning page, you will find your **KS2 Lockdown SATs paper**. However, don't be alarmed! This SATs paper is full of **fun** quizzes, scavenger hunts, guessing games and more! On top of that, we have changed the acronym SATs from *Statutory Assessment Tests* to *Share A Talent!*

We're asking you to share your talent with us! This could be singing, dancing, martial arts, drawing, playing a musical instrument...whatever talent you have, we want to see it! Record yourself (or ask your parents/carers to record you) performing your talent. It doesn't have to be a long clip, we just want to celebrate everything that makes the children in year 6 so special and unique. Then email the clip to us at stjoseph@sjnewman.co.uk. Please do join in with this year 6! It's a way of bringing us all together, even though we are apart and it would be so amazing to see each and every one of you.



One last thing...

You may have seen on the Facebook page, there are North Stoke weekly virtual competitions that you can take part in. Last week, a pupil from St Joseph's won the Reception age group which is fantastic! However, to win overall, we need as many of you as possible to be taking part. Check the Facebook page regularly to find out about the different weekly challenge then get involved!

We miss you all so much and can't wait to see your videos! Stay safe.

Mrs Cox ☺ and Miss McGough ☺

