



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Firstly I must say how proud I am at the way the children are rising to the challenge of being Year 6, working hard in lessons and completing their revision books.

End of key Stage 2 SATs will take place in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and this is an event that the children work hard for and, maybe surprisingly, an event that they thoroughly enjoy with lots of treats during the week including breakfast club and a celebration at the end of the week. We are focussing very hard in the class on raising the achievement of all children in English and maths so that they start secondary school, having made excellent progress during their time at Banwell School. During this term children will be taking full ownership of their learning and it is generally the term when their progress really accelerates. In order to achieve this, we do have booster sessions within school time taken by Mrs Lester, Mrs Jenkinson, Mrs Appleyard and myself, where we focus on the needs of individual children and your child is able to ask for any help they need. The children will take papers in maths, reading and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) while writing is teacher assessed at a later date. There are two maths reasoning papers (40 minutes each) and an arithmetic paper. The reading paper is 1 hour long and the SPAG paper is 45 minutes.

**Most importantly, we would like to invite every Year 6, to take full advantage of a an extra personalised maths session on Thursdays after school starting on Thursday after half term from 3.15-4.15pm. They will be provided with a drink and snack after school and all KS2 teachers in addition to Mrs Pocock will be involved in mentoring the children in small groups to address their mathematical needs. All children will need to be picked up after the session while it is still dark at this time,**

The children have been doing really well with their maths revision books and have benefitted by marking them at home. They need to let me know if there are areas in maths that they are finding tricky. The children also need to keep up with English homework that they are given, along with reading their guided reading books and tables. I would expect that they should be doing half hour homework per night.

**To help them manage their homework and help with the revision books, Mrs Arnold will be running a Year 6 homework club on Wednesdays after school where they will have help with their revision books or any other homework they need to do. This is in addition to the Thursday lunchtime club from 12.30-1pm.**

Please see me if there are any issues that you would like to discuss.

With many thanks

Carol Gould

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To Mrs Gould

My child \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the maths booster session on Thursdays after school

My child \_\_\_\_\_ is not able to attend the maths booster session on Thursdays because

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_



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