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Dear Year 6 Parents

There have been considerable changes to the curriculum and testing arrangements for schools over the last year. The new curriculum, which came into force in September, is different to the previous one in a number of ways and the depth of learning required has been increased considerably. The current Year 6 will be the first cohort to sit the new SATs assessments which are designed to test the new curriculum. As you will be aware, Ms Mayman has been working specifically with the Year 6 children two mornings a week to ensure the new curriculum is sufficiently covered. However we feel it is important that the children also have the opportunity to experience practice papers and develop some exam technique.

From Tuesday 12th January we will be providing SATS Booster classes for Year 6 children. These sessions on a **Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Thursday** morning from **7:50am** will run each week until the start of SATS on 9th May 2016.

The intention is that the children will sit a practice paper on the Tuesday and that this will then be worked through in small groups on the following two mornings.

We would strongly encourage your child to attend these sessions as it will improve their confidence and technique. A number of teachers are prepared to give freely of their time to plan, resource and teach these sessions. We would therefore ask that the children arrive punctually to the school entrance in the car park and that you and your child make a commitment to attend each session. Please speak to Ms Mayman or myself if you have any concerns.

Refreshments will be provided in the form of a fruit snack.

Yours sincerely

Alison Timmings

SATS Booster Sessions 2016 **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning ~ 7:50am**

I would like my child to attend the booster sessions as indicated above.

Signed: Date: