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Dear parents,

Firstly, I'd like to say a big thank you for all your support over this half term. To say COVID-19 hit our numbers quite significantly in week 2, our attendance for most pupils has been superb. And for those children who did have to isolate, it was great to see a vast number of them joining online to some of the live lessons we were hosting via TEAMS.

Furthermore, quite a significant amount of children throughout year 6 have kept up to date with their weekly homework tasks on Doodle Maths, English and Spellings. This type of support and encouragement the children are receiving to get into these good working habits, can only help with their future development.

With the SATs tests on the horizon (week beginning 9th May), we are hoping to have one more big push in order for the children to achieve their potential. We will be offering 3 different clubs through Spring 2:

- Third Space Learning – Monday evenings
- Maths Booster – Tuesday evenings
- Reading Booster – Thursday evenings

All these clubs are invite only and finish at approximately 4.15pm. **The first Third Space Learning session will begin on the first Monday back (21st February) and the other clubs will happen from that first week.**

I must stress that some of the children have been selected for more than one booster session. This might be because they are on the cusp of achieving a 'Working At' judgement and it would be such a shame if they narrowly missed this landmark.

We hope that both the children and parents can understand that after all the disruption to education over the past few years, a final 6 weeks of hard work will help to minimize the effects of the pandemic and consequently, put the children on the front foot moving into secondary education.

Additional information:

Practice SAT papers

Last week, we had another round of practice SAT papers. All the children do know their scaled scores – many of them have written these in their diaries. Please have a chat with your child about their scores and how they can work towards improving next time. Remember: the scaled score for **Working At is 100** and **Greater Depth is 110**.

Homework Books:

Over half term, children will be coming home with homework books. These books will be accompanied by an old SAT paper. It is expected that the children will have a go at completing the test over half term. On Fridays, we will look through these papers in our maths lessons and the children will be able to mark them in class. If they have struggled with any of the questions, we will be around to support and talk them through the problems. The pupils will then pick up a different test to work through during the next week. Please feel free to go through these papers with the children (the mark schemes are all available online).

Trip to the Holocaust Centre

This trip will now take place on **Monday 16th May (the week after SATs)**. A letter will be sent out after half-term with more information about this trip.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place at the end of Spring 2 (**Week beginning 28th March**). We are still undecided about whether this will be in school or through TEAMS (depending on COVID-19) so will let you know nearer the time.

Regards,

The Year 6 Team:

Miss Hawkins

Mr Ogle

Mrs Glover

Mrs Shead