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Dear Parents & Carers,

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To ensure that your child is ready to begin their new journey at their new school in September, we will be undertaking a variety forms of preparation to ensure their transition is as seamless as possible.

As you are aware the Government announced earlier this year that the official SAT assessments would be cancelled this year. To keep the children motivated and ensure they have proper assessment experience under supervised test conditions we have decided to hold our assessment week on the 28th June for four days. This week will be set up exactly as the normal SATs assessment week would have been in previous years. We feel the children will benefit greatly from being exposed to structured assessment conditions within the comfort and confines of the school they are familiar with, while being surrounded by a small number of children.

We will be setting revision tasks as homework between now and the assessment week to ensure that the children are as fully prepared as possible. They also have the CGP books, for those who purchased them, to undertake practice papers and questions.

To ensure this is not a daunting experience we will provide a range of fun and creative activities throughout the day. Their work in the afternoons will be based on their art topic called 'Gallery Rebels' where they will have the opportunity to draw, paint and create a variety of different art projects. In previous years, the parents have provided cakes and biscuits for the children to eat during their break times as an enticing treat to keep them motivated and energised. If this is something that parents would be happy to do, please do let me know.

We will also be undertaking lessons focusing on a range of aspects they will need to know for secondary school. These will range from finding their classrooms, being able to ask for help, understanding their own and other people's body language, being able to communicate effectively and what to expect. We will also be asking the children what they are worried about to address their concerns and needs. These lessons will be further supported by the transition meetings and inductions days undertaken by their secondary schools.

Towards the end of the summer term, we will be preparing for the year 6 end of school celebrations. As it stands, due to the current Government restrictions we are unable to confirm what this will entail at present, but we hope to clarify further details as soon as we receive more guidance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Soltau

Year 6 Class Teacher

