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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, our children will sit their Year 6 SATS for Maths, Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. I know how hard they have all worked but there is something very important that I wanted to share:

The SATS results does not assess all of what makes every child special and unique. The people who create these tests and mark them do not know each of them the way I do, and certainly not the way you as their parents and carers do.

They do not know that some of our children speak two languages, or that they love to act, sing, paint and/ or draw. They have not seen their natural talent for playing football, cheerleading or gymnastics. They do not know that their friends count on them to be there for each other, that their laughter can brighten the darkest day, or that their random acts of kindness can make others smile. They do not know that our children participate in a range of sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help to look after their younger siblings after school. They do not know that our children are kind, trustworthy, and thoughtful... and every day they try to be the best that they can be.

The results you will get from SATS will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. Our children are smart! They are talented! They are enough! They are the light that brightens my day and I am proud of each and every one of them! So while our children are preparing for their SATS and in the midst of it all, remember that there is no way to 'test' all the amazing and awesome things that make our children unique and special.

Warmest wishes,

Dr Deborah Craddock

Head Teacher



Thriving to Achieve our Best – Together
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