

3 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 6 Update: Spring 2023**

It was great to see so many of you at this week's 'SATs Information Evening'. If you couldn't make it, you can access the resources [here](#). Please do try to take the time to review the information as it will inform you of the assessment process and how you can continue to support your child at home. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us. Your support is hugely appreciated.

#### **Early Birds Club 8.15-8.45am (Tuesdays and Thursdays)**

The **Early Birds Club** is an optional drop-in morning session at the below times:

- Tuesday 8.15 – 8.45am – Maths
- Thursday 8.15 – 8.45am – English



Year 6 teachers will be on hand to support with any queries or questions regarding English and maths learning and will provide laptops for online learning. Any pupil is welcome to drop in and you do not need to book a place in advance. Pupils can come to one or both of the morning sessions if they wish. The Early Birds Club will begin on **Tuesday 14 February**. Breakfast snacks will be provided!

#### **CGP revision materials**

CGP resources can now be ordered and your child should have brought home a paper order form. If you would like to order revision books, please complete the form and send it back into school and make your payment via School Gateway. If you would like to discuss support for purchasing books, please contact Mr Watters via the admin email address.

Our recommendation is that these resources are used 'little and often' to avoid overload, especially when other homework is issued. Ten minutes a day will be more than sufficient and will make a big difference to your child's learning. Please do encourage their use by signing Reward Cards every time your child completes a section in their own time. If your child wants to bring their CGP resources in for use during Early Birds sessions, they are welcome to.

#### **Rising Star Assemblies**

Beginning next week, pupils will be treated to a special fortnightly assembly led by Miss Liddle. This assembly will focus on celebrating success in the lead-up to SATs and will involve lots of prizes, early lunch passes, rewards and fun! We look forward to the first assembly where pupils will have their

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success celebrated. We will also focus on positive mental health, wellbeing and the importance of positive routines including sleep, exercise and healthy living.

### **Reward Cards**

Pupils will soon be given a 'SATs Superstars' reward card. These cards contain a grid of spaces for adult signatures - every time your child completes any home learning/ revision (using materials online or at home) you are invited to sign their grid. Staff supervising Early Birds sessions will also sign cards for those in attendance. When the grid is complete, pupils can hand them to Miss Liddle who will issue prizes including a books and other special treats!

### **Supporting learning at home**

Please remember that when working on English and maths activities at home, there are a number of useful resources available on our website under the ['Curriculum' tab](#). Here you will find a section for parents/carers and many resources and online links to support with homework and revision.

### **Wellbeing**

As with everything we do, mental health and wellbeing are our biggest priority and advice will be given to support pupils' wellbeing in our fortnightly celebration assemblies. It is vital that over the coming weeks our pupils continue to attend clubs and extra activities both in and outside of school. In addition, restful sleep and early nights are vital to successful learning. We encourage pupils to have a healthy breakfast before leaving for school in order to set themselves up for the day and would like to remind you that during SATs week a breakfast club will be available each day in the Dining Hall at school. More information will come out about this nearer the time.

Thank you for your continued support and for your ongoing commitment to your child's success at Hexham Middle School. If there is anything else any of us can do to support your child, please get in touch with their form teacher in the first instance. As always, we are all here to help.

Yours sincerely

Mr Watters

***(on behalf of the Year 6 team)***

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