



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

'Doing our best for God'

30th March 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you are aware, children in Year Two sit SATs exams in May. We try to keep the exams as low key as possible, for the children, so that they do not feel any pressure. In fact, the children do not even know they are sitting exams. They think they are 'Superhero Detectives' completing a mission that will help me see what I need to teach the children and what the children need to work on. The children are told to keep quiet during this mission to help them to concentrate. If the children manage to sit through a paper in 'test conditions' they will receive a certificate and a sticker.

The exams will be sat over the month of May. A timetable will be devised between myself and Mrs Satterthwaite as to when each exam will be sat. The tasks will take place from Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May. Please ensure your child is attending school, is on time and is prepared for the day with their water bottle after a good night sleep.

The children will sit 2 reading papers, 2 maths papers, a spelling paper and a grammar paper. It would be appreciated if there is no pressure put on the children at home about the exams (I haven't mentioned the word SATs to them all year). We call them 'Superhero Detective Missions.' The children think they are 'Superhero Detectives' completing a mission that will help them see what they are confident with and what areas they need a little more practise with. Whilst it may sound odd, the children often enjoy sitting these exams when not feeling any pressure so that they are able to see what they can achieve. Please continue to read with your child daily, asking comprehension questions, and practise 2, 5 and 10 times tables. If you have any questions catch me after school for a word.

Kind regards
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