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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Next week the SATs/End of Year tests begin. For the Year 6 in particular the tests are important because they mark the end of their primary years and the beginning of their transition to their secondary schools. There has been much controversy regarding the SATs tests over the years and I wonder how much longer they will be around. I do not believe the tests to be a reliable way of judging children's attainment and progress (there are more reliable tests) and they certainly do not give us a picture of the whole child. However, they remain the National Tests and despite the calls for them to be scrapped, all the children in Year 6 will take them.

Year 6 timetable for tests is as follows:

Monday 11 th May:	Science Test 1 + 2
Tuesday 12 th May:	English Writing and Spelling Tests
Wednesday 13 th May:	English Reading Test
Thursday 14 th May:	Maths Test 1 and Mental Arithmetic
Friday 15 th May:	Maths Test 2

We do not want the children to be under pressure. They have been well taught and prepared – we ask they do their best.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

In order to raise money for the schools I will be visiting in India, we are holding a non-uniform day on Wednesday 13th May. Donations of 50p or more are appreciated (all funds raised will go to the schools).

GOVERNORS' MEETING

The next full meeting of the school's governing body is on Wednesday 13th May at 6.00pm. At this meeting we will be agreeing the school budget and school organisation from September 2009. If you have any comments or questions you would like raised, please contact a parent governor or write to the Chair of Governors via the school office.

SWIMMING

Congratulations to our lifeguards who passed their assessment this week and are once again fully qualified! The swimming timetable will be organised very soon and details will be sent home next week.

Miss Sealy

HANDWRITING PENS

We understand that in the past parents have been unable to buy Berol Handwriting pens in Seaton. We have been informed that these are now available from New Look News in Harbour Road.

Yours sincerely

Alan Simpson
Headteacher

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