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Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

As my final SATS week at Chesterton draws to a close, I wanted to write to you all to express my admiration for the efforts of your children this week. The tests have been challenging, as we knew they would be, but the pupils in Year 6 have certainly done themselves proud with their mature and determined approach.

Having worked very hard throughout this year, with tremendous support from parents and school staff, all we could ask was that the pupils gave of their best this week – and they certainly did! We know that our children are not defined by how they achieve in academic tests and I really hope you agree that Chesterton offers and celebrates achievements in a huge range of areas. However, we still do want our pupils to start secondary school in the best possible place in terms of confidence and curriculum knowledge.

Regardless of your opinion on SATs tests, no one could argue that our Year 6 children didn't rise to the challenge. They have read, they have decoded, they have inferred, they have corrected, they have spelt, they have punctuated, they have explained, they have calculated..... but, more importantly than that, they have tried. What they should take away from their SATs tests is the feeling that, whatever the outcomes might be, they have given their all.

Lastly, I would like to record my thanks to you, the parents and families of our Year 6s, for the support that you have given, both to your children and to the school. Whether through attending information evenings, helping with homework or, this week, through encouragement and keeping the children calm, we have certainly appreciated it. I would also like to thank Miss Baxter and the other staff who have worked closely with the Year 6s this year. Our aim has been to prepare the children well for the demands of SATs – and those of secondary school – whilst maintaining an interesting, varied and creative curriculum. I may be biased, but I think that Miss Baxter has done that expertly. She, and the other staff involved, also did everything that they could to make SATs week itself as 'stress-free' as possible; with a few extra perks and rewards thrown in!

The pupils can now look forward to a very action-packed and exciting end to their time at Chesterton – they certainly deserve it.

Best wishes,

Mr I. Horner (Headteacher)



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