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Dear Parents/Carers and the Year 6 Pupils,

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Next week, all Year 6 children across England will complete their SATs. This is something that has become a rite of passage for all children of this age; something they simply must get through on their educational journey.

Here at Homefield, it has also become a bit of a tradition for the Headteacher to write a letter of encouragement and support to our Year 6 children to show how much we will all be thinking of them and wishing them the very best of luck.

To maintain this tradition, I have written the following to firstly, encapsulate all our messages of goodwill and inspiration, but also to attempt to calm any last minute nerves by putting these tests into perspective.

A Message to the Year 6 Pupils

There comes a time in the youngest of young lives,
When you face obstacles that test; that let you shine and thrive.
Success comes with effort and endeavour: triumph is hard-fought and tough,
So remember to give your very best, because that's always – always – good enough.

For some the SATs create a feeling that may worry and bite,
Stand up tall, look them square in the eye and with all your might,
Shout aloud from the rooftops – holler – that you are the controller of their fame,
You are their bosses; you will teach them to be tame.

Such “important” pieces of paper really do hold very little worth,
They tell you nothing of your talents, which you have developed from birth.
So what? Wow! You understand a colon: you are clear about their role,
Do they show you anything about your creative side, your musical flair or your soul?

The resounding answer is “NEVER!” The simpler answer is “NO!”
One hundred is the number; the “Expected,” the prize for showing all that you know.
Remember you own the pride of Homefield; you possess our courage and our hope,
Be resilient, be calm, be focused: have the strength to show you can cope.

Throughout this we will stand beside you, guiding you to find your way,
You are not alone, nor stranded – we are together - come what may.
We have the honour to have been your teachers; we all know you're more than ready,
So let us end this poem with a final few words – just to say, “Steady guys! Steady!”



Have a lovely weekend: enjoy the fun homework Miss. Battle has prepared for you and come in Monday ready to show off how much you have learnt this year (after a tasty breakfast with your friends of course). I know you will all do you very best and go on to become something even greater.

The staff, Governors and I are unbelievably proud of you already, so take next week as a chance to be proud of yourselves.

Best of Luck,

Bradley Young
Headteacher

