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Dear Parents / Carers,

End of SATS celebration

As you are aware, the children in Year 6 have been working very hard in school and at home to prepare for their SATS which are commencing the week beginning 11th May. The tests will be taking place Monday-Thursday of that week. To celebrate all of the children's hard work, we would like to take the whole year group on a free trip to Southampton Common on the Friday of that week (Friday 15th May).

We will leave school at approximately 9:30am and will then walk to Southampton Common, returning by 2:30pm.

During our time at the common, we intend on playing a number of outdoor games such as rounders and football. As well as this, we will be allowing the children to play in the play-park. This play-park includes a range of different apparatus such as slides, climbing towers, swings and a zip-line. Please be assured that staff will be present within the park with the children at all times.

The children will be required to wear their school top and jumper on this trip. Please note, however, the play-park also has several sand-pits inside so please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear and trousers which will enable them to make good use of the park's facilities.

During this trip, we will have a picnic together as a year group so children will need to bring a packed-lunch and several drinks with them. If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like the school to provide a free packed lunch (cheese roll, cake or biscuit, fruit and a bottle of water), then please order one on SCOPAY. The deadline to order a school packed lunch is Thursday 7th May.

We hope for good weather on this day, however in the unfortunate event of bad weather, we will have to re-arrange this trip for a later date. We will keep a close eye on weather forecasts during the week of the trip and will advise you in advance of any changes we may need to make.

Please log in to your SCOPAY account to give permission for your child to go on the trip.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating your children's hard-work and having a well-earned, fun day out.

Kind Regards,

Mr Harding and Mr Jackson
Year 6 Teachers