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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead. I will start by saying how proud you should all be of the class's attitude to learning - they are working immensely hard. We will be spending the first three weeks revising, preparing and completing SATs. To support your child at home, please make sure they continue to read regularly and revise little and often. Most importantly though, please do take the time to speak about how everyone is feeling. It is ok for pupils to enjoy the calm, quiet days in class as we practise working under test conditions but it is equally ok to feel a bit daunted. The best way to look at SATs in my opinion is pragmatically. The content of the test is what has been covered in school. The methods you need to use have been covered in school. If you can't recall something, that's ok so long as you do something about it:

Not knowing is not a problem as long as you know what you don't and don't ignore it

Once SATs are out of the way, we will be building up a portfolio of written pieces of work to help us confidently assess how much progress everyone has made. To support your child at home, please make sure they continue to read regularly.

As well as all this exciting academia, we have lots planned to celebrate the end of your child's time at St Laurence's. We will be putting on an end of year production (full details will be revealed soon); preparations for the London trip are well under way; Year 6 will be taking over the dinner hall for their end of term meal and there may very well be a few more surprises along the way. There will also be a week dedicated to transitioning to high school, where pupils will be able to begin to prepare themselves for the big move up. Please do ensure that whichever school your child is going to, that you keep an eye out for open days and move up events.

Next half term, we will be completing our unit of work on RSE (Relationship and Sex Education). Letters will be sent out before half term outlining what and when this will take place.

I would like to invite all the parents and carers of pupils going to London to a meeting on Thursday 26^{th} June from 15:20-16:00 to go over the final arrangements. Please could you let me know via the school office if you are unable to attend and we can arrange a telephone appointment instead.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions,