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| cid:image007.png@01D2198C.095D21E0 | WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL  BARTONS PRIMARY SCHOOL **Headteacher: Mrs Kate Powell**  **Lethaby Road, Bognor Regis,**  **West Sussex PO21 5EJ**  **Tel no. (01243) 822056 Fax no. (01243) 841580**  **email: office@bartons.w-sussex.sch.uk** |  |

25th April 2017

Dear Parents/carers,

As you are aware all children in Year 2 have to take part in the 2017 KS1 SATs this summer. The tests this year will follow the same pattern as last year in order to reflect the changes in the National Curriculum that came into effect in September 2014. The main form of assessment used will still be teacher assessment as in previous years. We will be basing our judgements on your child’s performance over the year and assessing their abilities on the standards set by the government.

Tests will be carried out for reading; two papers which assess their reading ability and understanding as well as two tests in Maths. Paper 1 assesses their mental arithmetic skills and Paper 2 assesses their ability to solve word problems. These tests are carried out in a very low key way, described as ‘a quiz’ and not a test. As you all know, children perform best when they are relaxed and so we try and place as little emphasis on these tests as possible. There is no test for writing but this will be assessed through teacher assessment.

As National Curriculum ‘levels’ have been removed, the test scores will now be reported as ‘scaled scores.’ For this to be worked out it is assumed that 100 will always represent the ‘national standard.’ Each child’s raw test score will then be converted to a score on the scale either, at, above or below 100. A child who achieves the ‘national standard’ (score of 100) will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the tests. Test results will be sent home in July, along with the annual school report, and you will receive for your child:

- A raw score (number of marks achieved)

- A scaled score

- Confirmation of whether or not they attained the national standard in the test

In addition you will also receive teacher assessments in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science that comment on their attainment of the national standards for Year 2.

At Bartons working towards these tests and assessments is part of the normal daily routine and the idea of being tested is not discussed with the children as this can put undue pressure on them. The best way to support your child is to continue to work with them on their homework tasks, to read daily with them questioning their understanding of what they have read, practise mental arithmetic like times tables and number bonds and most importantly ensure that your child has the best possible attendance at school. All tests will be completed by Friday 26th May.

I hope that this has helped to clarify the arrangements for Year 2 assessment. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Morris or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kate Powell

Headteacher

Bartons Primary School