



## Franklin Times

18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents

As we have entered assessment season I feel it would be good to give some clarity.

As you can see from the photograph below year six have now completed their SATS, these examinations are national statutory assessments in reading, writing and mathematics; pupils are expected to pass all at age-related expectations before heading off to secondary school. The reading and mathematics tests are sent away for marking, while writing is teacher-assessed and submitted on-line. The results of these tests are published each year on our website and used as an accountability measure for all state schools.



**Fun in the sun after SATS...**

Meanwhile, in year two, pupils also sit statutory assessments in reading, writing and mathematics; the difference being that these are all marked by their class teachers and form just one part of the evidence to support teacher assessment judgements of whether each child has met age-related expectations, all the work in their books counts as well (lucky year two).

Comparing children's results in year two to their final results in year six is what determines whether pupils are making good progress.

In year one all children sit the national, and again statutory, phonics screener, this is a short one page assessment of whether they have mastered their all-important sounds; class teachers will assess each child individually in June. Phonics are the gateway to reading and writing, a firm grasp of all our phonemes opens up the literary world and ensures access to the year two curriculum and beyond.

Please be reassured that we prepare children thoroughly here at Franklin, our rich and engaging curriculum more than readies them to meet the standards required. I hope this brief summary of assessment is helpful, please get in touch if you would like to know more.

Have a good weekend.

Warmest regards

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Tickets are on sale via the link below for the **Fork to Fork Food Festival** on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June: hurry as there is a limited supply!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fork-to-fork-food-festival-2018-tickets-42624660507?aff=eac2>

**Headteacher's thought for the week:**

Nothing happens unless first we dream.

**All key dates can be found on our website <http://arkfranklinprimary.org/>**

**Reminder: no sweets on site and leggings or shorts worn under summer dresses should not be visible below the hem line.**