



# Oaklands Junior School

*Learning to think - Thinking to learn*

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### **SATs Week**

National government tests begin on Monday for Y6, as well as tests and assessments for other year groups that follow at this time of year. It can be a stressful time for children and families but we always try to make it as relaxed as possible, while of course encouraging children to do their best. Reading and re-reading tasks carefully is key but also, if there is time, reading and checking their work at the end is most important, if there is time.

As with any tests, it is a snapshot of what has been achieved on that day. Our overall assessment of where children are is, we feel, a more accurate account of what each child can do over a longer period of time, in the normal course of their work.

**Note to pupils:** In any tests, try to keep calm and use the techniques you have been taught to relax, then try your very best – we cannot ask for more. If you need to revise anything this weekend, that is ok, so long as you do not spend all weekend doing this. Above all, relax, enjoy the weekend (with hopefully some more good weather) and get plenty of sleep, ready for Monday! Good luck to ALL. If you are proud that you have done your best, then we will be very proud of you too.

### **Food Waste**

WBC has carried out a trial of separate food waste collections at 6 schools which has been very positive; food waste from these schools is taken to a local anaerobic digestion facility in Basingstoke where it is processed and converted into renewable energy. As part of the ongoing trial, our school has been selected to be in the next group for roll out on Monday 14th May.

Unfortunately, we have been instructed that the food waste container must only be used for pupil plate scrapings (i.e from the dining hall) and kitchen peelings/trimmings. **Please note, the remains of packed lunches cannot be disposed of in this way and children must take all their waste home.**

Please help us to help WBC to turn waste into energy.

### **Online Safety – Danger!**

Quite a few of our children are playing online games outside of school that have age restrictions e.g. Fortnite (age 12). The only way they can play these games is if they lie about their age or parents sign up for them. PLEASE ensure you know what your children are doing and check NSPCC online safety for “How safe are the sites, apps and games your child uses?” which also gives information about this game and others:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>