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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all of the support that you have provided this year with your child's learning at home. It is really appreciated and good outcomes have been secured for our pupils as a result. Collaboration between schools and homes is essential in securing positive progress for children.

As a school, we have been discussing the options available to prepare Year 6 children for their SATs during the Easter holidays. Rather than providing 'one-off booster sessions' for children, which they may not retain, we have decided to invite parents and carers to an information session. This will be more beneficial for the children; it will ensure that they receive ongoing support with their SATs preparations during Easter and throughout May. Individualised sessions have been, and will continue to be, provided to children within school to address their gaps in learning. However, research highlights that aligning learning inside and outside of school is more beneficial.

The session will take place on Wednesday 3rd April at 3:40pm until approximately 4:20pm in the Year 6 classrooms. During the session, we will be discussing:

- How often support should be given to your child during the Easter holidays
- Useful documents and websites that can be used whilst providing support to your child
- The school calculation policy and we will be modelling methods of calculation
- How to accurately use a range of punctuation and vary sentence structure
- Key reading targets that your child will need to secure in order to achieve well on the reading SATs
- Individualised next steps for your child will be discussed with you during parent consultation evenings at the beginning of that week on either Monday 1st or Tuesday 2nd April.

If you are planning to attend the information session, please fill in the attached reply slip and **return it to school by Friday 22nd March at the latest.** This will give us a clear understanding of how many people are attending the session and will allow us to prepare accordingly. We understand that it is not always possible for everyone to attend. However, if you are unable to come, please discuss this with your child's class teacher at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully

The Year 6 Team

The Hills Academy – Year 6 SATs preparations information session

Child's Name: _____

☐ I will be attending the SATs preparation information session on Wednesday 3rd April in the Year 6 classrooms at 3:40pm

Parent/Carer's Name: _____ Signed: _____