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To all children in Year 6

Next week you will sit your SATs for Maths, Grammar & Spelling and Reading. We know how hard you have worked, but there is something very important you must know.

The SATs do not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way we do and certainly not in the way your families do.

They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them, that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy. They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your best.

The levels you get from these tests will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. **YOU ARE SMART!** So, while you are preparing for the tests and in the midst of it all, remember that there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, **YOU!**

Have a wonderful and restful weekend,

Good luck,

Mrs Tinto, Mr J, Mr Dix, Mrs O'Keefe and everyone else
here at Hawthorn