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Dear Children,

Next week you will sit your SATs tests for maths, reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar. We all know how incredibly hard you have worked, but there is something important that we want you to know:

- * The SATs tests 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 the way your family knows you.
- * They do not know that some of you speak two languages at home, or love to sing or play football. They have not seen your natural talent for drawing or dancing.
- * 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 and clubs, 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 your hardest to be your very best.

The scores you will 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 and absolutely amazing!

So while you're preparing for your tests and in the midst of it all, remember there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and incredible things that make you, YOU! And please don't think that you have to reach a certain expectation in these tests to make your parents and us proud; all we want is for you to try your best that is enough for us.

So over the weekend and the rest of the week, make sure you:

Sleep. Rest. Believe. Sparkle.

Good luck!

Mrs Andrews and Mrs McCrann

