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Times Tables Club

Dear parents and carers,

Due to the success of last year's Times Tables Club, I am pleased to announce that we will be running the scheme again this year.

The Times Tables Club is a scheme that takes place once a week in Maths lessons across Key Stage 2. The scheme consists of a variety of challenges that tests pupils on their mental maths skills - in particular, their times tables knowledge. Pupils are given five minutes to complete the club that they are on. The name of the club refers to how many questions can be found within it. For example, if a pupil is on the 40 Club, they will have five minutes to answer forty questions.

When pupils begin Year 3, they will all start on the 10 Club. When they correctly answer all ten questions within the five minute time limit, they are able to move on to the 20 Club. This process repeats all the way to the 110 Club. Pupils receive a certificate every time they complete their club which is theirs to take home and display proudly! Also, near the entrance of our school, there will be a display board that will be devoted to Times Tables Club and will celebrate pupils who have achieved their certificates!

A solid grasp of the times tables are key to being successful in Maths, particularly in Upper Key Stage 2 when we explore more challenging topics. Furthermore, the National Curriculum expects all pupils to recall multiplication and division facts for times tables up to 12×12 by the end of Year 4. The aim of the Times Tables Club is to motivate pupils towards that goal in a fun and rewarding manner. Additionally, the higher Clubs will challenge our pupils on complex areas of the curriculum including fractions,

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decimals, percentages and algebra.

On the Times Tables Club page on the school's website, you will be able to find more information about the scheme as well as links to websites, games and apps that will help your child practise their times tables.

I look forward to seeing lots of proud pupils earning certificates whilst improving their times tables knowledge in the process. Please remember: it is important that pupils learn multiplication *and* division facts for each of the times tables (e.g. 8×4 , $24 \div 4$). Regular practice is key!

Yours faithfully,

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