Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Dear Parents/Carers,

In 2021, the government asked all schools to undertake a multiplication times table check (MTC). This check involves all Y4 children taking a five-minute, online quiz to assess their confidence in recalling and using these times tables. This is a useful checkpoint of where the children are in their knowledge of their times tables and assists us in understanding how to further help them.

The check itself:
- will take place in the summer term in June sometime over a one-week period from Monday 21st June 2021
- is done online using a computer or tablet
- can be done one pupil at a time, in groups or as a class
- will take no longer than 5 minutes
- will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question
- there's no problem solving or division, just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions
- during the test there will be an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, which will form the majority of the questions.

More information can be found by watching this government video.

To go through the requirements of the check, what it looks like and to answer any questions you may have we will be holding a **parent information meeting on 15th May at 3.30pm.** We do hope that you can come along to learn more about it and answer any questions you may have.

The results are for the teachers. The results of the test are not published publicly. They are for us to use so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary. Your child's score will be given to you in a letter. I am sure that along with you, we do not want our children worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a "check" rather than a "test" or "exam" for a reason.

Practice at home:
As maths is such a big subject, and we will of course continue to teach the full curriculum, we will need your continued support to help practice the times tables with your children. Some easy ways to do this include:
- asking questions such as "what's 7 x 8?"
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using apps and games (such as sumdog)
- singing times tables songs (there are loads online)

Many thanks,

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