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Thursday 20th April 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

RE: - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

As many of you will be aware, the National Curriculum states that all children should be confident with all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. Rapid recall of these times tables gives all children an excellent foundation on which they can build a wide variety of mathematical skills. In order to ensure that the children are as ready as they can be, we are inviting parents to a brief meeting to discuss efforts to develop confidence in times tables.

When: Thursday 27th April 2023

Time: 5pm

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

In 2019, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School's Year 4 children took part in a national pilot for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). This check involved the children taking a five-minute, online quiz to assess their confidence in recalling and using these times tables. The children responded really positively to the check and reported that they enjoyed using the iPads to participate.

The following YouTube link also provides a little more insight into the MTC:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ct5cDctLVTI&list=PL6gGtLyXoeg9eWA31dGs2RmsAM8jDhDXs&index=2>

The Year 4 children will complete the check this year between **Monday 5th June and Friday 16th June**.

It will be carried out in small groups on iPads and will take each child no more than five minutes. The outcome of the check will give an indication as to where your child is in terms of times tables knowledge and understanding. We can then celebrate their successes and work together to identify and address any gaps.

What can you do?

Please regularly support your children with their times table recall. There are also lots of online apps, card games and puzzles widely available to support children to learn their tables in a fun and engaging way. Crucially, we also ask that you encourage your children to use their online Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) account as regularly as possible – it has an excellent track record for improving times table recall and is great fun! Children can earn coins and create an online rock star avatar by battling one another and taking part in arena tours! Your child already has their log-in details but these can be given out again if requested.

One of the excellent features of TTRS is the 'Sound Check'. This is an online game set up in the same way as the MTC in June. Practising the 'Sound Check' via the 'Single Player' menu, is an ideal way for the children to prepare for the MTC.

Information for parents

Further information regarding the MTC can be found by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

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If you have any further questions about the MTC, get in touch with the school via support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr Spalding

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Year 4 class Teacher

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