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Dear Parents

This year in June the Y4 children will be taking part in the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

We really want to ensure our children feel confident with their tables at St. Johns and since last September we have been developing the way we teach times tables in Y3&4.

The multiplication tables check is designed to help ensure children in primary school know their times tables up to 12 off by heart. As well as being critical for everyday life, knowledge of multiplication tables helps children to solve problems quickly and flexibly and allows them to tackle more complex mathematics later on in school.

At St. John's we will be spending 10 mins at least 3 times a week focusing on tables. The approach we have is:

Sing. Chant. Action

We have already introduced the children to this format and they responded very well. We are starting with the 2s, and then will quickly move on to 4s and 8s and so on.

The children will be tested each session and will look to improve their score each time. This method has been used in other schools and has proved to be extremely successful. A slight change in what you are used to is that we will incorporate the inverse of the tables by looking at divide also. Example if they know $3 \times 2 = 6$ then they know $6 \div 2 = 3$

We would really appreciate your support with this by working on times tables at home. We have found a particularly useful website that allows the children to challenge themselves in the format of the MTC. We would love it if a few times per week they were able to practice using this format. This will not only help with their tables but will get them used the format of the test.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Thank you for your continued support

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