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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mathematics Times Table Check

Following on from the letter that I wrote to you in September, I am writing to inform you of your child's progress and attainment in their times tables.

As you know, in June your child will take the MTC (mathematics times table check). The purpose of the MTC is to make sure children's times tables knowledge is at the expected level for their age.

This week, I have sent you their current 'Heat Map' on Class Dojo. Also, last week all pupils in Year 4 entered a National Times Table check to compare ourselves against other schools. Our average score was 19.33 (out of 25). Out of the 4,000 schools that entered we compare favourable and our aim is to be above National in June too.

What do the colours represent?

The colours reflect the average time taken to answer each of the times tables up to 12 x 12.

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If the box is white, your child has not yet progressed onto that times table.

Questions which have a purple boarder and ones that your child is currently practising in garage.

Why is it important that my child learns their times tables?

Have a quick recall of times table facts enables your child to free up working memory and solve more complex and challenging problems. Our target is for all Year 4 pupils at South Bersted CE Primary School to answer times table questions under 6 seconds.

What is the impact of home learning?

Research shows that children who engage regularly, in home learning make on average +3 months progress to those who do not. To give your child an advantage in knowing their times tables, they should be completing their home learning tasks which include logging onto Times Table Rock Stars. Playing for 10 minutes each day (Monday – Friday) has a greater impact than playing for an hour once a week.



For further information of the MTC, you can view the November letter and access information from the Department for Education [here](#).

How are we preparing your child for the MTC?

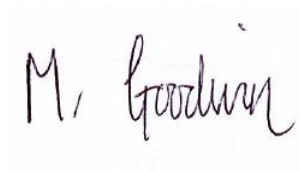
In May, your child will take a third mock MTC on Times Table Rockstars. As part of our maths curriculum, the children are also taught key facts which they use to answer and solve mathematical problems.

To provide further information on the test and information on working memory, I will be running a workshop on **5th March at 9:00am** in the school hall. **The session will begin at 9:00 and finish by 9:30.**

If you would further information, please speak to myself on the gate.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr Noel Goodwin
Headteacher