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Laurance Haines School

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Year 4: Multiplication Tables Check

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will have been informed by your child's class teacher, your child will sit an assessment called the 'Multiplication tables check' during a two week window, beginning 5th June 2023.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also act as a support to identify if your child may need additional support in school.

What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check and these can be used to support pupils with specific needs. We have considered the needs of all pupils in the year group and arranged the appropriate access arrangements for those that may benefit from them, ahead of the check. If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, please arrange a time to speak with Mrs Ball.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

You do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. However, if you wish to support your child further in these weeks leading up to the check, you may wish to consider the following:

- asking your child questions such as "what is 7 x 8?"
- reciting times tables by rote (3 times 6 is 18, 4 times 6 is 24, etc)
- using apps and games daily such as TT Rockstars and <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>
- singing times tables songs

How will the results be used?

Laurance Haines will have access to all our pupils' results, allowing those pupils who need additional support to be identified.

Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

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Yes. Your child's score will be shared with you, as we do all national curriculum assessments. There is no pass mark for the check.

We want your child to feel confident and able to give their best during the week of the check and not to feel any undue pressure. The children have spent much time this year learning the rules of multiplication and practising in the style of the check; trying their very best and using their taught skills of resilience to persevere and progress. They are aware that this check is a way of their teachers' understanding how well they are doing and how to support them further based upon their results. At any time, they know they are able to speak with one of the team and share their feelings and of course this offer extends to you as well. Please do book some time with your child's class teacher to discuss the check further if you so wish but further information about these tests can also be found at:

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Gemma Banks

Lower Key Stage 2 Lead

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