



22nd May 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: **Passionate about Mathematics**

Monday **8th June 2015** starts our exciting '**Maths Week**' at St Stephen's. During that time, children will be learning maths in a variety of cross curricular and exciting ways both at school and at home, aimed at developing their love of maths, thinking skills, as well as their confidence to tackle maths challenges.

Special Homework

Children are going to be taking part in a **times tables competition on Monday 8th June 2015**. It would be great if you could encourage your child to revisit/learn their times tables so that they are entered in the whole school contest. The best mathematicians will be selected during the first week after the holiday, so it would be worth spending some time on practising the expected times tables for their year group. If a child shows knowledge beyond their age group, they will be invited to compete against older pupils as well. It will be great fun for everyone and special rewards are waiting for those children.

Year 1	2x 5x 10x
Year 2	2x 3x 4x 5x 10x
Year 3	2x 3x 4x 5x 6x 9x 10x
Year 4	2x 3x 4x 5x 6x 7x 8x 9x 10x
Years 5 and 6	2x through to 12x tables

Coffee Morning

Come along to the **maths coffee morning on Thursday 11th June 2015 at 9.00am**, where you can find out about ways to support your child with their maths at home. I will be there to point out useful resources and share ideas on what to do to make your child more confident and happy to tackle maths challenges. You will also get a copy of the schools 'Calculation Policy' so that you know what your child should be learning in maths.

Decorate a Uniform

On **Friday 12th June** pupils are invited to wear a **maths symbol/question** attached to their school uniform or on their wrist. Be creative and imaginative as prizes for the best idea will be given out.

Maths Evening

On **Friday 12th June at 3:45pm** we will **celebrate the end of maths week**. You are invited for an hour of maths fun in the school hall where there will be activities for both you and your child to enjoy.

Maths at Home

As you know, mathematics is everywhere. Children can be supported in their learning at home by following recipes, counting objects in the supermarket, looking for patterns or symmetry in nature and of course, through spending (or saving) money!

Below are three handy websites you might want to use over the half term and in the future to prepare for our maths week:

1. <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>
2. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize/>
3. <http://mathszone.co.uk/>

Thank you very much for your support.

Kind regards,

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