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Maths Parents' Information Evening

Dear Parents

I am writing to invite you to a Maths Information evening on Thursday 17 March. This will take place in the school hall and starts at 7pm.

We appreciate that Maths as a school subject can produce a range of emotions and memories for different adults, and that not everyone feels positive about their Maths competencies. However we welcome everyone in our parent community who would like to come and find out more about how we teach Maths, and why we do it in the way we do.

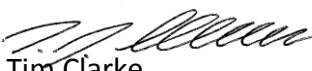
We will look at the content and structure of the National Curriculum for Maths. The National Curriculum can be viewed online at www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum or by following the link on our school website.

We will then explore the range of different ways we help the children learn to calculate with numbers (add, subtract, multiply and divide) and share our draft calculation progression we are working from. We will explain how this fits into the new style of mastery curriculum, which aims to ensure children have a sufficiently secure understanding before moving onto new learning. This will include examples of how we move from concrete learning (practical with equipment), into pictorial representations (drawn models to aid thinking and demonstrate understanding) and finally into abstract working (using mathematical numbers and symbols).

We will also share some examples of advice from the National Centre of Excellence in Mathematics (NCETM). This organisation produces monthly updates for primary schools (Primary Magazines) to support our development and understanding in more effective ways to help the children's mathematical learning. Their website can be found at www.ncetm.org.uk

Please could you indicate on the reply slip overleaf (or on a piece of paper with the same information) how many adults from your family will be attending, so we can provide sufficient seating.

Yours sincerely,


Tim Clarke
Headteacher

"This is a happy school where pupils achieve well in terms of their personal, as well as academic development and are growing up as responsible caring young people." Ofsted 2015

I / we will be attending the **Maths Parents' Information Evening** on Thursday 17 March with people.

My child is in Year:

Name Parent:

Date: