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Dear Parents/Carers

Since becoming the interim Headteacher of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, I have become aware that a number of pupils would benefit from improving their knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division facts. Therefore with effect from January 2019 St Patrick's School will introduce the 99 Club Challenge.

The national curriculum requires children to recall all of the multiplication and division facts for the multiplication tables up to the 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4.

With effect from January 2019 we will launch the 99 Club Challenge across the school. This challenge is aimed at improving our children's knowledge and ability to recall the times tables facts. For our younger pupils the challenge will relate to their recall of number bonds.

The 99 Club aims to raise standards in maths through encouraging pupils to improve their mental calculations. From Year two onwards the children will be tested every week on specific multiplication facts. Once your child has correctly answered all of the questions on their weekly test sheet within the 5 minutes allowed, then they will progress to the next level of challenge. As the children progress through each stage, they will be working towards achieving the ultimate award of becoming a 144 Club Tables Champion. A special award will be given to every pupil who achieves his or her ultimate goal.

The idea is with repeated practice of times tables facts and for our younger pupils number bond facts, the 99 Club should result in your child's increased speed and confidence in tackling mental maths problems and with every child having a quick recall of times tables facts.

For pupils who are known to be already confident and able to quickly recall times tables facts, then individual class teachers will adapt the entry level of the challenge to the learning needs of groups and individuals within the class.

As the 99 Challenge commences, if your child can complete the calculations correctly twice in a row your child will move to the next level of the challenge.

I am aware that parents will wish to support your child in learning their times tables well, for example, through regular practice of the times tables facts, children should come to know and understand that $3 \times 4 = 12$, $12 \div 3 = 4$ and $12 \div 4 = 3$.

In order to help your child to practice the times tables regularly we have placed a copy of this communication on our website together with example questions and also with sign posts to a number of websites that your child may wish to access to have further practice in learning their times tables.

I trust that as parents you will help and support your child to meet the challenges of the 99 Club and know that should you do so you will be helping your child to improve his or her knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical facts that will support their progress and mathematical attainment.

Please do visit our website to find our more information about the 99 Club and the various sites that can be accessed to assist your child to increase his or her knowledge of the times tables fact.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Williams
Headteacher