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Dear Parents / Carers,

We love maths! It's a brilliant subject to learn and to teach. A lot of the rich, interesting maths is all about the relationships between numbers and these are hard to fully grasp without fluent recall of the tables. For that reason, learning the tables is essential!

Times Tables Rock Stars!

At St Paul's, we've been taking even more initiative when it comes to learning the tables. One of these is a trial of Times Tables Rock Stars, which has already proved popular in a growing number of schools.

What next?

At some point this week, your child will come home with their 'log in' details for their Times Tables Rock Stars account. By then, they will have been introduced to it in class and will have had the opportunity to create their online character and begin earning points.

You can access Times Tables Rock Stars and find out more information about it at www.ttrockstars.com

Research shows that daily practise is the best strategy for children to learn these important facts. Short bursts of daily practise are much more effective than spending hours once a week. Each class or group within a class will be set a schedule of times tables to work on by their teacher. The quicker a child can answer those times tables questions, the higher their Rock Status. They can also play against their friends!

For answers to frequently asked questions, go to: www.ttrockstars.com/page/faq

Your child's teacher will talk to them about expectations of use, as well as providing opportunities in school for children to compete against each other.

Please be aware that this does not replace **Mathletics**; it is a bonus!

Yours sincerely

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