



Churchfields Junior School

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Times Table Rockstars

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Churchfields, we want all of our pupils to have great recall of the times tables and high confidence as making progress in mathematics can be hampered by many factors, two of which are having low confidence in maths and having poor recall of the times tables. Confidence in mathematics can often be traced to slow recall of times table facts, which are the bedrock of mathematics.

Through our *Maths Challenge* tests (found here: <http://churchfieldsjunior.com/learning/maths/>), certificates, and lessons, children achieve well in mathematics. However, we are always striving to achieve more and recognise that parents are supportive of this too. Because of this, all children now have access to **Times Table Rockstars** to help them practise their times tables.

Times Table Rockstars is an online programme for times table practice that is both effective and motivational. At the end of the week, your child will receive a login and password (stuck inside their homework book) that will allow them to access games to improve their speed of recall and, should they wish, to compete against their classmates and children around the world.

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important –bursts of daily practise are more effective than spending hours once a week. And this is where you come in. For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of the practice, they need your help. Without your praise and your reminders, without you sitting down next to them or checking their work, practising times tables will not feel important to your child and the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. Please encourage your child to play the game at home regularly over the next few weeks to develop a regular habit that will assist their mathematics, just as daily reading helps propel their reading and writing.

Times Tables Rockstars can be easily accessed with internet browsers or alternatively with phones and tablets using the Times Table Rockstar app. For internet browsers, visit <https://trockstars.com/> for apps, visit the App/Play Store.

To celebrate the launch of Times Table Rockstars, we will also be holding a **Rockstar Day** on **Friday 15th December** when children can come to school dressed as rock stars!

Over the course of the next few weeks and months, with regular use of the games, your child WILL get faster and more accurate with the times tables. All your hard work and theirs WILL make them a Times Table Rock Star!

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Easter
Assistant Headteacher

Churchfields Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we implement Child Protection procedures in the appointment of all staff

