

Red Nose Day

Today is Red Nose Day and the children came dressed in red, and ready to tell a joke to spread laughter and smiles. Two of the children's best jokes are:

What do vegetables wear to the beach? and
What does a robot sit on?

(you'll have to search the newsletter for the answers, which has been hidden somewhere 😊)
The serious part of this day, of course, is to raise money for charity. We are continuing to raise money for Build Africa, an educational charity which works to give children the education they need and fights the inequalities that stand in their way. The power of education to help end poverty is immense and we are proud to support this charity in their important work.



My Child at School App

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Bourn Primary Academy

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Times Tables and Number Facts

We have noticed that many children are a bit rusty on their tables and number bonds. Learning these number facts is really important as are the building blocks of maths, just as phonics is the building block of reading and writing. Not knowing times tables really holds children back from achieving their potential. When tables facts are known, all other areas of maths are easier, including multiplication, division, percentages, fractions, area etc. When a child has to stop to work out 7×8 , this interrupts the flow of work, takes time, and distracts them from the actual problem they are solving. The most important thing you can do to support your child in maths is to make sure they know their tables, and for younger children, their number bonds. There is more information on the next page.

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Weekly Celebrations

Values certificates

Certificates are awarded to children for effort, perseverance, being kind, listening and responding to each other and being independent:

Acorn: Corey and Jessie

Willow: Juliana and Jameson

Hazel: Annabelle and Finley

Cedar: Amelia and Yuyan

Rosewood: Molly and Caitlin D

Cherry: Freya and Emily A

Maple: Max and Idha



Other Notices

Absence reporting If your child is ill for any reason, or you need to notify us of self isolation, or a test result, please use the new email address, which can be monitored out of hours.

absencereporting@bourn.cambs.sch.uk.

Parking and Driving: Please do not park in the bus bay in the mornings. If the bus is not there, you may stop there to let your child out, but please do not park there and leave your car. The bus and minibus are sometimes delayed so this bay always needs to be kept clear.

NUT FREE SCHOOL Please can you check that any snacks you send into school do not contain any nuts at all.

Forgotten Items A reminder from the office, please try to ensure your child has all their things when you drop them off in the morning.

**They wear a zucchini.
Its robotom.**



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Why children need to learn their number facts.

Learning number facts (such as number bonds, times tables) is really important. They are the building blocks of maths, just as phonics is the building blocks of reading and writing.

Memorising number facts makes it easier and far quicker for children to work out maths problems in their heads. Moving on from using their fingers to add/subtract and to multiply/divide frees up their working memory so that they can concentrate on the problem in hand, choosing and applying the best strategies and quickly and more efficiently spotting any errors instead of having to calculate basic facts first. A further benefit is that connections between the relationships of different numbers is easier to spot and apply in other areas of maths.

All areas of the maths curriculum: Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Measurement, Multiplication and Division, Statistics, Fractions requires these building blocks. The more secure children are in their number fact knowledge, the more successful they are in each of these areas of maths.

Younger children

You can help your child develop their number fact knowledge by encouraging them to learn age appropriate number facts at home. This will be set by the class teacher. To reinforce number facts and help your child become fluent in Number, make use of every day scenarios to develop their skills in counting, spotting patterns involving everyday objects in sets. Look for numbers in your environment. For example, involve your child in helping to set out the table and count items needed. Count in multiples the different cutlery required, the pairs or sets of objects spotted when you're out and about. Involve your child in helping you when shopping.

Older children

Set a routine for learning times tables or other types of number facts and don't deviate from it, however much they might protest. When a routine is established, they will learn to accept it and get on with it and will actually be grateful for the structure when they notice the difference their improved knowledge is making in class. Make use of online interactive games to help them practise their number facts e.g. Times Tables Rockstars.

See these websites for tips and advice on ways to learn times tables.

<https://www.whizz.com/blog/fun-ways-to-teach-times-tables/>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/times-tables-the-best-ways-to-learn>