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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Times Tables Rockstars

TT Rockstars is a fantastic programme, which we have been using at Bunbury for the past few years, to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts for all pupils from Year 2 to Year 6. Times tables are recognised as essential to access many mathematical concepts and knowledge will be assessed at the end of Y4 by a National test. When it comes to times tables, speed and accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations within maths. TimesTable Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables!

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 have their own login and password. TT Rockstars can be accessed online through a search engine or via the Times Tables Rock Stars app which is free to download on both Apple and Android devices.

To make a success of this programme and ensure that your child follows the programme of practising and remains motivated, we need your help. It is recommended that that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night. Short bursts of practice on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours once a week. Please encourage your child to complete times tables practice as it will have a great impact on their maths learning.

### TT Rockstars Competition 30<sup>th</sup> January – 10<sup>th</sup> February & Fancy Dress Day Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

At school, to encourage the children to practise their times tables, we will be having a TT Rockstars competition culminating in a Rockstars Day! Currently, there is a battle set up between the Y2-Y6 classes on TT Rockstars which the children have been told about by their teachers. Please encourage them at home to gain as much points as possible before the day! There is also a competition set up between the other two schools in our Trust: St Oswald's CE Primary School and Warmingham CE Primary School.

To celebrate the end of the competition on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, children can come to school dressed as their very own rockstar. They can come dressed in whatever rock star fancy dress outfit and accessories they like (for example leather jackets, wigs, dyed hair, guitars etc.). During the day, each class will spend some time on the ipads doing TTRockstars to get as many points as they can towards the battle before it ends. The winning individuals/class/school will then be announced and given a little treat/award.

This is all to encourage the children to regularly access the Times Tables Rockstars online resource at home as it is such a fun, engaging and valuable learning resource which has a proved track record in helping children learn their times tables.

**Reception and Year 1** will also participate in the themed day by completing maths activities as maths rockstars!

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Hickson

Deputy Principal, Maths Lead and Year 6 Teacher

