



CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Year 4 Parent Workshop – Statutory Multiplication Test

All schools have a legal duty to undertake certain tests throughout a child's primary education. Whether we agree with this *dictat* or not, it is statutory and so we undertake these tests in line with guidance issued to us.

We believe that our children learn in many diverse ways and our curriculum celebrates those ways and whilst testing is not ideal, it is a part of education and so we hope to minimise any concerns by talking through the procedure with children and parents. It may seem counterintuitive, but many children love the buzz of a quiz like test and we build on this element of the task, rather than making the whole event onerous and 'exam-like'.

In a few weeks we will be running a parent workshop for Year 4 parents, on **Tuesday 12th March at 2.15pm- 3:00pm**. This will explain the statutory multiplication test to parents. There will then be opportunity to work with your child in class after a short presentation explaining the test.

We hope this workshop will give you opportunity to find out more about what your child learns in school, how we minimise disruption to our curriculum learning and to demonstrate how we teach various concepts, so that you may feel more confident in helping your child at home. Please sign up at the school office to confirm your place, so that teachers can organise the correct number of resources for the workshop.

Thank you for your support,

Gerida Montague
Executive Headteacher