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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and everyone is excited to be back to school! Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

We are launching a new and exciting school 'Times Tables Challenge' which will be managed by governors and staff. The initiative will run throughout the spring and summer terms. This will encourage children to practise and enjoy their times tables at home.

The aim of the challenge is for children to be proficient in the expected times tables and be able to recite the tables and answer questions instantly. (E.g. 1 times three is three, two times three is six and so on). Children will be asked to practise times tables at home in a variety of ways. They can write them, make posters, use apps/ computer games, and sing songs or raps or any other method they wish.

Each child will receive a record card which should be kept in their bag. Each time your child practises their times tables at home we would ask you to complete the record card. These will then be checked and signed at school and your child will then receive the award for that level. A certificate or small prize will be awarded at each level during school assemblies.

There are lots of games and tools available: Times Tables Cubes, Cards and apps for your PC, Phone ..... the list is endless. Here are few ideas to start with: **Times Table Mountain App; Multiplication Bingo Machine; [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com); [www.uk.ixl.com/math](http://www.uk.ixl.com/math)**



**Good Luck! Let's see who can win a prize!**

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Regards

Andy Jackson, Maths Link Governor

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