



**Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners**

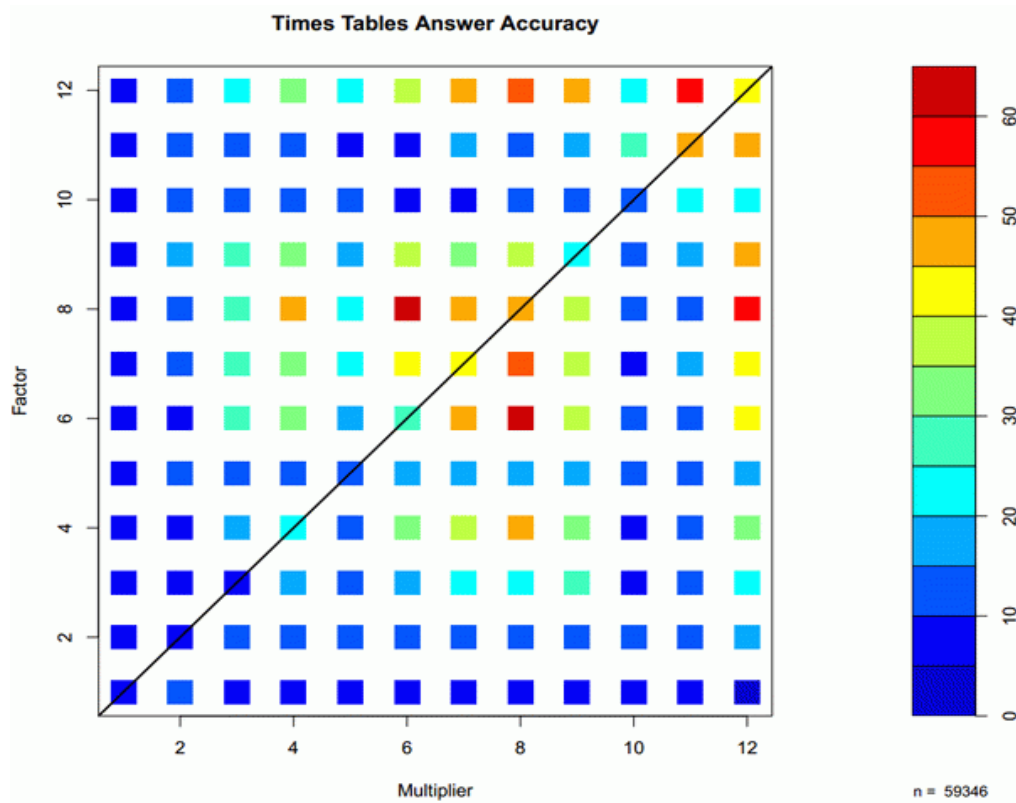
The Christmas excitement does seem to have started as we approach our Christmas Fair, not helped by the arrival of a twenty foot Christmas tree in the school hall!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed donations for the raffle during last week's mufti day.

**Times tables**

We are working with the children to have a large drive to support our children with having fun with times tables to help our children learn their times tables to 12 by the end of Year 4. We have a new system of rewarding our children for learning their times tables and other number facts.

Have you tried going on [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com) ? This is a good website for reinforcing specific time tables. As a school we have looked at which times tables are the hardest to recall. The table below highlights this clearly the red squares highlighting the tables which children often get wrong. We are targeting specific tables for children to learn as well as the division facts.



In the juniors we are focusing on language too for example do the children know what **'product'** means?

### **Pupil Progress – Open afternoon**

We will of course hold our Parent Consultations in February for parents to have time with teachers to discuss their child's progress. However as we draw closer to the end of term we will be sharing your child's 'next step' targets. These targets are discussed with the children.

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec from 2:30pm to 3:15pm we will be holding an open afternoon to invite parents or family members to see their child's work. This will allow parents/family to see the children's progress in books and to explore displayed work in the class. Staff are attending a meeting immediately after school so we will be unable to extend this session after the school day. It would be lovely to see you, should you be able to attend.

### **Christmas Dinner**

We will be having Christmas Dinner on December 15<sup>th</sup>. It would be lovely if the children would wear Santa hats on this day. Please do not go and buy a Santa hat especially for the occasion.



### **Carol Service**

Children from Year 1 to 6 will be taking part in our Carol Service at 6:00pm at St Marys Church on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **School Website**

Our new School website will be coming online very soon. We hope that you will be able to visit the website at the weekend. Some of the pages require more content adding to them however we will be making an effort to add further detail and the Spring term calendar over the Christmas break. After Christmas the website will be able to link up to a Facebook account. Many thanks for your understanding as we develop the website.

### **School Dinners**

Menus are now loaded up to the February half term. If you want your child to have a hot school meal from the start of next term please make sure you place your booking before the 1pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There have been a number of families this term who thought they had booked their meals but in fact the transaction had not been completed correctly. Please make sure you follow the prompts issued by the wisepay system and as a further check it might be worth going back into the system to check that the booking has been processed.

### **Christmas Fair**

Don't forget to come along and support the PTA Christmas Fair tomorrow evening. Doors open at 6pm. There will be stalls, games, food, the raffle and much, much more!

If you haven't already done so, please return your raffle tickets and payment to the school office by tomorrow morning, to allow the PTA volunteers, time to get everything ready for the Fair. If you have any unsold tickets please also return them, and we can sell them at the event. Thank you.

Wrap up warm this weekend – it looks like it's going to be another wet and windy one! Nevertheless I hope you have a well-earned rest and I look forward to seeing you all for the penultimate week of the term.

Mr Jones