

Message from Mrs Millsop:

Children have thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as rockstars over this week. Thank you for the wonderful array of hairstyles and outfits! We hope that the children have shared with you their enthusiasm for Times Table Rockstars and Numbots. We have focussed on these platforms because they are a brilliant way to encourage children to develop their mathematical fluency.

Fluency in maths means recalling information automatically. In order to do this, children require regular practice, preferably daily, so that they are instantaneous with their recall. They also need to constantly revisit knowledge such as number bonds even when they are progressing through KS2 so that the knowledge is robustly embedded in their long term memory.

Acquiring confident, automatic number knowledge means that children can quickly, easily and accurately draw on it to apply to new ideas. These concepts then have greater meaning rather than being abstract because children can make sense as they see links and patterns emerge. Thank you for helping your children to develop these essential skills and knowledge so that they are fluent mathematicians.

Upcoming Dates:

- W/C 28th November**

M Christmas Shopping Week

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W

Th

F Nursery Nativity @2pm

- W/C 5th December**

M Reception, Y2 and Y5 Performances this week

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W

Th Y1 and Y6 parents to visit classes

F

- W/C 12th December**

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T Panto and Party day

W Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

T

F **School finishes @ 1pm**

News

OPAL Play (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We would value the donation of equipment as mentioned in the letter—please see PA Connect

PTFA:

This term your generosity and commitment has raised over £9,000 for school. I am incredibly grateful to the team and would particularly like to thank those members who are stepping back after many years of hard work. Their energy and drive to raise significant funds has had a hugely beneficial effect upon what we can provide in school.

Sports News:

Over the last few weeks sports teams have been very busy participating in competitions and matches. Well done to children for their teamwork and thank you Mr Jones for organising.

Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal: Please see PA Connect for details of how to donate.

School Finishes @ 1pm on Friday 16.12.22

Values: COMPASSION

We were delighted to share with the children our latest contact with Bwaziba school. We are delighted to see pictures of the school now that it has been painted. Their oldest children have been sitting exams similar to Y6 SATs before they leave in December. Our Y6 children have been writing letters asking questions and sharing their ideas about being near the end of their primary school time.