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Dear Parents and Carers,

5th September 2017

Welcome back! We have had a great first day back with the children. This morning in assembly, I told the children about the new Times Tables badges they can receive if they can prove, via a timed fun test, that they know a particular times tables thoroughly. For example that they can answer the following questions more or less **instantly** (without working it out on fingers etc):

5 Times Table: 6x5 20 divided by 5 0x5 the square root of 25...

The children will be taught all they need to know in order to pass the test, which they can take when they feel they are ready, much like a cub scout badge.

If they can pass, they receive an iron-on badge for their jumper. Some of the children were concerned that their mums and dads would not like to see the badges on their jumpers, so I am letting you know that this is a way of celebrating what they can do and hope you will see this like a semi-permanent sticker.

(Should you wish to pass the jumper on to siblings, the iron-on badge can be removed fairly easily).

We have started the ball rolling with the tables already. Mrs Pattinson is waiting with her iron, ready to iron them on for the children. No need for parents to do this.

Many thanks

Caroline Wood
Head of School

