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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: Maths Week England - Week commencing Monday 11th November 2024

We hope this letter finds you well. We are excited to announce that we will be participating in **Maths Week England**, which will take place on the week commencing **11th November 2024**. This week promises to be a thrilling and engaging experience for our students, and we are pleased to share some key details about the upcoming events.

During Maths Week, the children will have the wonderful opportunity to engage in a wide range of exciting mathematics activities and online workshops, led by renowned organisations such as **NRICH** and **Lloyds Bank**. These activities are designed to not only make learning mathematics fun but also to show how maths links to real-life situations, especially in areas such as finance, problem-solving, and critical thinking.

As part of our Maths Week celebrations, we are delighted to invite you to a special Mathematics Problem Solving Event for Families on Wednesday, 13th November. This will be a drop-in event, meaning that families can arrive and participate anytime between 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm. The event will feature a series of exciting problem-solving stations set up around the school, where you and your child can work together to solve fun and challenging maths problems. You are free to move between stations at your own pace, but please note that the event will end promptly at 5:30 pm, so we encourage you to arrive with enough time to explore the activities.

We recognise that this is a busy time for families, but we hope that by offering this flexible drop-in format, it will allow more families to participate. The event will not only highlight the importance of problem-solving in mathematics but also offer a chance for families to engage with maths in a hands-on and fun way.

To further celebrate Maths Week, we have organised "Maths Rockstars Day" on Friday, 15th November 2024. On this day, we encourage the children to come dressed as a "Maths Rockstar" as we celebrate their hard work throughout the week. Prizes and awards will be given during a whole school celebration.

Additionally, students from Year 2 to Year 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a friendly competition with other schools in England. This competition will run from 07:30 GMT on Tuesday, 12th November to 19:30 GMT on Thursday, 14th November, via the platform play.ttrockstars.com. The competition focuses on multiplication and division questions, and every correct answer will earn valuable points for your child, their class, and our school.



To ensure a fair and balanced competition, there is a daily time limit of **60 minutes per player**. Beyond this time, students can continue to play and earn coins but will not accumulate further points. We encourage your child to participate but also prioritize their well-being by not exceeding the daily time limit. Please support and encourage them in a way that suits your family plans and your child's comfort level.

Maths Week England is a fantastic opportunity for our students to enhance their mathematical skills while having a great time. We look forward to seeing many of you at the problem-solving event and throughout the week. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support in making mathematics an exciting and high-profile subject at **St. Paul's Catholic Primary**.

Yours sincerely, Victoria Wilson Maths Curriculum Lead

