



ALBAN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Mrs Rachel Kirk, Headteacher

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Re: Mental Maths Competition

As you may be aware, the 2016 maths SATs papers have an increased focus on efficiency and accuracy whilst answering arithmetic questions. To support children's calculating skills, we have decided to introduce a Year 5 and Year 6 mental maths competition, which will run every other month, alternating with the Year 5 and 6 Spelling Bee (more information to follow!)

All children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be given a set of mental maths questions, which they are expected to learn the answers to, in preparation for the competition afternoon, which will be held on **Thursday 26th November**. The children who achieve the most points in the quickest time will proceed to the finals round, where they will compete against each other using their mental maths skills. This will be in the style of a knock out competition, and children will be against other children who completed the same level challenge as themselves.

There will be three challenges for differing abilities and your child's teacher will guide them as to which challenge will be most appropriate, to give your child the best chance at success. The prize for the winning children will be a trip out of school, probably linked with our farm, to reward them for their hard work.

At Alban Wood, we value all children's abilities within academic, creative and sporting opportunities, and feel that it is important to give children the chance to compete within an academic capacity and celebrate their successes.

All children will be taking part in this challenge so it is important that children are encouraged to learn the answers to the questions on their challenge to give them the best chance at success. This is the first time Alban Wood has held an intra-school academic competition, and I hope all children will be excited to participate.

If you have any questions regarding the competition, please do not hesitate to contact me. Many thanks for your continuing support of the children's success.

Yours sincerely,

Miss H Wells
Year 6 Teacher



