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Dear Parents,

Mental strategies in Literacy and Numeracy are an integral part of learning. The ability to rapidly recall known facts underpins key learning across the curriculum. With this as a whole school focus we are introducing weekly challenges across the school. We have chosen the form of a challenge to make it exciting and fun for the children who will be rewarded for their achievements.

The challenges will take the following format:-

- Every child will receive a challenge folder which will contain their challenge for the week. This should be kept in the child's zip wallet/book bag and brought to school daily.
- Challenges will alternate each week, between Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRF) for Numeracy and Spellings for Literacy.
- Challenges will take place, across the school, every Friday morning and the children who achieve 100% in their challenge will be rewarded with house points and celebrated in Collective Worship.
- The weekly challenge sheet will be double sided. The first side will give details of the spellings or KIRFs to be learnt at home. The spelling challenge sheet will also have space to practise. Please leave the back of the challenge sheet empty as the children will fill this side in during Friday challenge time.
- Key stage 1 – challenges will be sent home each Friday and the challenge will take place the following Friday.
- Key stage 2 – challenges will be sent home each Monday and the challenge will take place on the Friday of the same week.

We hope this will be exciting as well as educational but it can only reach its full potential with your support to help your child practise daily. We appreciate your continued support as partners in learning.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A. O'Connor.

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