



High aspirations - Valuing learning – Achievement for all

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Dear Parents,

This year we will be relaunching our bonds to badges mathematical checks with a greater emphasis on fluency. Mathematical fluency is the ability to perform mathematical problems accurately and quickly. A child who can instantly give an answer to a problem has greater fluency than a child who uses their fingers and spends longer solving the problem.

Bonds to badges will run very similarly to previous years, however there are a few changes as detailed below.

- The children will have a specific time frame to complete their badge.
10 minutes for **Year 1** and **5** minutes for **Year 2, 3 and 4**.
- There is an **optional** space for the children to record their finish time at the bottom of their sheet as an aim to beat it next time.
- The amount of questions has decreased.
- When children have correctly completed their badge **3** times they will receive a colour-coded certificate and will move up to the next badge.

Children will still receive their completed sheet to take home and practise on the reverse. This is an **optional** homework and teachers do not expect them to be returned to them, unless your child would like to, of course.

We will be re-starting the children on the first badge to give them the opportunity to revisit and deepen their fluency and also achieve all the new certificates in golden assembly.

We thank you for your support in advance.

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