



Thursday, 22 October 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to inform you of another research study we are taking part in. Emma Lord, a PhD student and experienced teacher and teacher-educator, is writing her thesis on the differences in calculation methods chosen by boys and girls and our year group has been selected to take part. The children will be given a workbook to complete (by their own teacher) with a range of calculations inside – it is very similar to the format used for the end of Key Stage tests so will be good practise. They also have a short survey to complete on attitudes to maths. We will be given a breakdown of her findings in return for taking part and this will give us valuable information about how to get the best possible outcomes for our children.

This is not a test but if you do not give your consent to your child taking part, please let us know. If we do not hear from you by Friday 16th October I will assume your consent.

There is a possibility that Ms Lord may visit the school in order to interview some of the participants after half term and if this applies to your child, I shall write to you separately.

Yours sincerely

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