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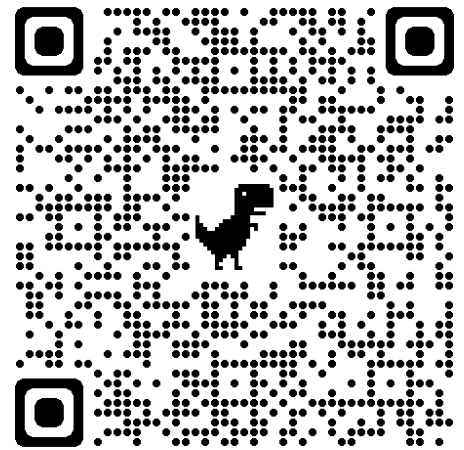
National Numeracy Day – Wednesday 22nd May

Dress as a Number – Tuesday 21st May

STEM Workshop – different date/time per year group w/b Monday 20th May

Dear Parents,

We are excited to confirm that Chesswood will be celebrating Maths during the week beginning Monday 20th May as part of National Numeracy Day celebrations on Wednesday 22nd May. The aim of National Numeracy Day is to celebrate numbers and how we use them in everyday life. The day is designed to encourage people to feel curious about numbers, explore how they can benefit them in their day-to-day life and give them the confidence to develop and improve their numeracy skills. We are taking the week as an opportunity to celebrate Maths with the focus being 'Where is the Maths?' **Our main form of celebration will be for children (and staff) to come to school dressed as a number on Tuesday 21st May.** This could include a top that has numbers on it already, for instance a football shirt or may be a specially designed top containing calculations.



If you need inspiration for previous ideas have a look at our Previous Maths Celebrations by clicking [here](#).



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In addition to this, we are delighted to welcome STEM to the school for the week, where each class will participate in their very own workshop to help experience Maths in a practical context. In order to make the running of the workshops possible, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of **£3.50 per child**. You can make the payment online using the MCAS app – this activity will be under 'Trips & Events' section – should you have any technical issues doing so please speak to a member of the office team by visiting Reception or calling 01903 204141.

How can parents get involved?

National Numeracy have created a number of resources to support adults in reviewing and developing their Maths skills. The National Numeracy Challenge is a free website to help you check and improve your numeracy – the maths you use in daily life and at work, like

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managing your money, working out measurements or understanding percentages. The challenge is free to take part in – please follow this link to access the challenge:

<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/challenge/confidence-scale>

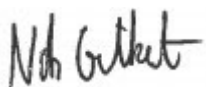
How can children get involved?

There are a number of optional tasks for children to participate in, mainly across the week beginning Monday 20th May, however, feel free to attempt these at an alternative time if it's more convenient. In addition to dressing as a number on Tuesday 21st May, other tasks include:

- We will be running a TT Rock Stars Battle of the Bands competition from Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May. Every question answered on TT during this week counts – there will be certificates and house points awarded to the children who answer the most questions.
- Take part in the National Numeracy Day – Number Heroes Competition. To enter, create a picture of yourself doing your dream job or hobby – you can draw, paint, collage, use a computer, or use any other way you'd like to create your picture! You can use the Number Hero Sheet included in this letter to design your entry on. Winners will be picked based on the most imaginative picture, showing great effort and the most creative uses for numbers. Submit your entries directly to National Numeracy by following the instructions on this link: <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/number-heroes-competition>
- Complete any of the National Numeracy Day activities – these include rapping, dancing, money activities and baking fun! If you complete a task please share it with Mr Gilbert by sending it to ngilbert@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk. You can find more details by visiting our website on the link at the bottom of this page.
- On Wednesday 22nd May – As this is an Inset Day and children won't be at school on National Numeracy Day itself, we would like children to look for opportunities of finding Maths at home or when they are out and about. Examples could include numbers on a clock or on an oven. You may see some shapes on some wallpaper or curtains - there are so many possibilities. Send in your photos/videos of Maths at home to Mr Gilbert via ngilbert@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk. Children may wish to use this day to work on their design for the Number Heroes competition.

For more information, please visit our website by scanning the QR Code or by clicking here: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=National+Numeracy+Day+2024&pid=1622>

Good luck to everyone taking part – we can't wait to see the Chesswood community dressed as a number on Tuesday 21st!



Nik Gilbert

Maths Leader

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Number Heroes Competition

Name and age:

School and class:

The way I would love to use numbers when I grow up is...

 **Write here**



Draw here



**Scan to visit
the website.**

Create a picture of you doing your dream job or hobby and tell us all the different ways you would use numbers, then ask a grown-up to upload your picture through our online form. Let your imagination run wild and win a fantastic prize for yourself and a prize bundle for your nursery, school or youth group!

For online entry and full terms and conditions visit:
www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/number-heroes-competition