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Dear parents and carers,

## Whole School Times Tables Rock Stars Day - Friday 20th January

At Barrow Primary we recognise the importance of children being able to recall their times tables with speed AND accuracy — the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.

To support practice and recall, we use Times Table Rock Stars in school; a fun and challenging online programme that is designed to help students master the times tables!

World famous rock musicians are the best at what they do because they've spent hours practising guitar chords, writing music or playing on the drums. It's just the same with times tables – all Times Table Rock Stars need to practise and practise and practise. It's absolutely essential that your child does a little bit of times table practice every day. In our experience, short bursts of practise on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours once a week. We hope that this special day will raise the profile of the importance of times tables and encourage the children to practice at home as well as in school.

On Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January we will be rocking out with a whole school Time Tables Rock Stars themed maths day. This will be a non-uniform day and the children will be able to dress up as a rock star for the day. They will take part in a range of maths activities, as well as Times Tables Rock Star battles across the school. There will be prizes for the best dressed rock star in each year group.

Bring on the denim, colourful hair and air guitars!

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Keefe Maths Co-ordinator