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Dear Parents/Carers,

For the academic year 2011-2012, numeracy is a focus of our school development plan. Our standards in numeracy are good, but as always we are seeking opportunities to improve teaching, learning, rates of progress and attainment. This year in Years 1 and 2 the children have been target grouped in numeracy for two sessions per week. The children are grouped according to their level and learning needs to allow for focused differentiation and support. All groups work from the age appropriate learning objectives but teaching strategies and activities within groups will vary according to children's needs. Recent assessment data shows that target grouping within Key Stage 1 has been very successful and has raised standards.

Our incredibly efficient school council have discussed target grouping with their classes, and the response has been positive.

From September Years 1 and 2 will be continuing, and Years 3 and 4 will be trialling target grouping in numeracy for two days per week. This is a new approach for us and for the children in Years 3 and 4, and will be carefully monitored. Rates of progress will be robustly measured to ascertain whether this is a beneficial approach for our children.

The target groups will be within the age phase, and all children will be taught by one of the phase teachers. The groups will be flexible, and children will be able to move between groups as they progress. As in all subjects and sessions at Chetwynd Road all children will be encouraged and given opportunities to exceed expectations of both attainment and progress.

Once the Autumn term trial period is complete we will assess progress and pupil, parent and staff responses to the target groups in order to decide how to proceed.

Should you wish to ask any questions about target grouping, both myself as outgoing numeracy co-ordinator and Mrs Hawker as incoming numeracy co-ordinator will be available for a drop in session on _____ between _____ and _____. Alternatively please contact me via _____

With thanks for your continued support
Miss Sillitto
Key Stage 2 Leader/Numeracy Co-ordinator