

Hello from Maths on Toast!

We are the family maths charity on a mission to make maths a creative and enjoyable activity for children and their grown-ups, we want everyone to feel positive about maths! So, we have produced a series of 'How To' videos presented by children called **Maths on Toast Bites**, available to watch via our website and this February half-term break we are encouraging families to get creative with maths by taking on the **'How To Half-Term Challenge!'** 

The 5 films invite children to engage with maths using creative, hands-on activities such as making surprising shapes like a hexaflexagon and building a sturdy structure using cocktail sticks and midget gems! We are challenging families to watch a different Maths on Toast Bites 'How To' film each day, then try the activity together at home.

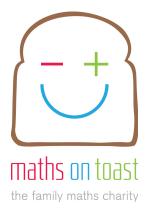
We would be hugely grateful if you could help us promote this unique, free, creative maths resource by sending a letter/email /newsletter (using one of our suggested templates below) telling parents/carers about the challenge. As some of the activities have additional downloads, you may wish to print out resources to send home or keep in the school office for any families without a computer or printer.

# Letter/Email Template

### Dear Parents,

If you are looking for free activities to try at home this half term then family maths charity **Maths on Toast** may have just the thing you are after. The **'How-To Half-Term Challenge'** invites families to watch a series of 'How To' videos presented by children called **Maths on Toast Bites** - all about having fun doing maths! The challenge is to watch a different film each day, then try the activity together at home. From making and decorating a magical hexaflexagon to building a structure using cocktail sticks and midget gems - there is something for everyone!

You will find everything you need at www.mathsontoast.org.uk/bites



## What is so unique about Maths on Toast Bites?

Maths on Toast Bites is a series of short 'How to' creative maths videos presented by children aged between 8 and 11.

Aimed at primary school children and their families, our group of enthusiastic 'maths advocates' demonstrates a range of fun, hands-on maths activities that families can try together.

As an online resource, Maths on Toast Bites gives families nationwide the opportunity to take part in our creative maths activities.

## Why is it important for families to do maths together?

30% of adults wrongly believe maths is a skill you are born with rather than one you can learn and negative attitudes about maths are often passed through families. Maths on Toast Bites helps broaden families' views of what and where maths is, and shows that maths can be creative and fun for everyone.

So why not take on the challenge and start creating some positive memories of maths together! Please remember to share your comments and photos of the day on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram at @mathsontoast using #PositiveAboutMaths

# Newsletter Template

Looking for some free activities to try at home this half term? Why not take on the Maths on Toast 'How to Half-Term Challenge'. The family maths charity is on a mission to make maths a creative and enjoyable activity for everyone and has produced a series of 'How to' videos called Maths on Toast Bites. Your challenge is to watch a different film each day, then try the activity together at home. From making and decorating a magical hexaflexagon to building a structure using cocktail sticks and sweets – you will find everything you need at <u>www.mathsontoast.org.uk/bites</u>. Don't forget to share your comments and photos of the day on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram tagging @mathsontoast using #PositiveAboutMaths