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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we took delivery of a set of high visibility vests with the school details on! We are really looking forward to using these on trips out into the local community once it is safe for us to do so. We will require adult support with this so please do look out for requests early in the summer term - the more the merrier.



### **Corona Virus**

We want to keep you informed about procedures we are taking in the Nursery to keep children safe and minimise risk. The following has been undertaken:

- A risk assessment has been carried out
- Children are being supported with washing their hands frequently and thoroughly, especially after using the toilet and blowing their nose
- Tissues and anti-bacterial soap have been placed around the learning environment
- All children must wash hands IMMEDIATELY before eating; breakfast club/snack/lunch/after school
- We continue to check advice from Public Health England and the Department of Education

### ***Next steps***

- We are seeking advice regarding having a 'deep clean'
- We are preparing individual home learning packs to send home in the event of a school closure

We will keep you informed of any decisions or advice we receive through our usual communication channels of e-mail and social media.

### **Local Authority Visit**

This week we received a visit from our local authority advisor. Her role is to assess the quality of education that we provide and support us with school self-improvement. We are really pleased with the outcome of the visit. The following is a summary of her feedback:

### ***Strengths:***

- There was evidence of promoting a love of reading
- Phonics activities were well taught





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- The learning environment was high quality
- Health and hygiene was well promoted
- Adults introduced new words and expanded vocabulary
- Systems are in place for children with additional needs
- Staff interact well with children

***Areas for development:***

- Attendance; a number of children at the school have low attendance so the school needs to develop systems to raise attendance
- There was evidence of maths teaching but this is not as natural or deeply embedded as reading



***Next Steps***

We were really pleased with the outcome of the visit and are looking forward to raising the profile of maths.

We will be doing the following;

- Making you more aware of your child's attendance figures if they fall below the threshold required by the government
- Reviewing staff confidence in understanding the sequence of early maths
- Auditing current resources and purchasing new resources
- Creating home learning packs with a mathematical focus

**Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

The PTA met this week to discuss future potential fundraising events and the allocation of current funds to support the school. One idea is to use money to support maths outdoors! If you can help in any way, even just by sparing a few hours, contact the office and we will put you in touch with the committee members.

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With kind regards,

Hayley Yendell

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