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Dear Parents

We are aware of the importance as a parent of being involved with your child's education. However, sometimes it can be slightly intimidating when your child waves their homework and you realise that the way they work out the answer is now very different to when we were at school. Then the dilemma follows do you share your method with the child or not.

For those of you who sometimes face that quandary we wish to try and support you with the new ways that children tackle questions, in Maths but also with their phonics in reading.

As a staff we have discussed the most practical way that we can share this information in both a way that you can easily utilise but also one that fits in with the daily dashing around that we all seem to have to do.

We are looking for indication (don't worry you are not signing your life away) in two ideas that we have had. We wish to see if there is take up from yourselves before rolling them out.

1. On a Monday morning Miss Pearson will be in class at 08:45. You are welcome to come in with your child and she will go through the phonics for that week, along with having out activities that are 'phonic based' that you can sit and do with your child. This will be aimed at Rec/1/2. 08:45-09:00.
2. Mr Anley is looking to run a club after Easter that is for both children and adults. It will take a weekly Maths strategy and after a brief introduction he will have out games/examples for you to have a go with your child.

Miss Pearson and Mr Anley would be on hand for advice. However, this would not be the occasion to have an in-depth discussion about your child's learning, this would still need to be booked as a separate slot and easily arranged with Sue in the office.

The idea behind this is that it is time for you to learn alongside your child, with 'help at hand' if required.

Best Regards

Miss Lindsay

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### Drop in sessions enquiry form

Name of child:

I would be interested in attending the phonics session

I would be interested in attending the maths session

Parent signature:



Headteacher Miss Emma Lindsay

