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Dear Parents/Carers

We have re-subscribed to the 'Maths with Parents' website this year to align experiences of maths at school and at home. Your child's class teacher will set a video that you can watch at home every time your child starts a new unit of work in maths. This video will demonstrate how that unit of work is being taught in maths lessons and how you can support your child at home with their learning. Desforges (2003) found that *'The impact caused by different levels of parental engagement is much bigger than differences associated with variations in the quality of schools.'*

## **Instructions on how to add your child to the correct class for this academic year:**

Visit [www.mathswithparents.com](http://www.mathswithparents.com)

- Login using the username and password from last year (use the forgotten password button if you have forgotten your password and a new password will be emailed to you)
- Read the terms and conditions of the website and click the 'agree to terms' button
- Select the new class that your child is in this year (instructions for multiple siblings are on the website)
- If you need help, speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to help you
- Wait for e-mails throughout the year to inform you that a new video has been set for you to view at home

## **Instructions on how to sign up to maths with parents if your child is new to the school or you didn't create an account last year:**

- Collect the class code for your child from their class teacher and visit [www.mathswithparents.com](http://www.mathswithparents.com)
- Click on the 'New parent? – Click here!' button
- Follow the instructions on the website to sign your child (or multiple siblings) up to the correct class
- If you need help, speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to help you
- Wait for e-mails throughout the year to inform you that a new video has been set for you to view at home

We aim to have every parent and child signed up to the correct class by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.** This means that teachers will start setting videos for you to view at home on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. If you have any issues signing up to the website **we will be running a sign up session in the ICT suite on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 3:30-4:30.** If you come along to the ICT suite at this time a member of staff will be available to sign you up to the website. If you are unable to sign up to the website and are unable to attend the sign up sessions then please request support from your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully

The Hills Academy Team