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### Thank you

Thank you if you gave up some time to speak to the Accreditors on Wednesday, or wished us luck. The inspection went well and the immediate feedback is all positive. We get a full report, hopefully before half term, and we will obviously share the details of that with you.

# This week's photo...



Building bridges that don't fall down!

#### Reminders

A few reminders about parents evening;

- Adults only
- The slots are ten minutes, Ruth M is about if you have further questions
- We have some questions for you!
- The door won't be locked
- Please double check the time you selected

Between us we have several older teenagers who are happy to offer babysitting, so if you need a sitter then please ask and we may be able to help.

# News

We have been asked to share the following with you, though our records show all of your children have received all of their vaccinations at the point they joined us.

MEASLES - Protect yourself, protect others (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Measles - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/

# **Thoughts**

The next section of our language development training focussed on the behaviours and sensitivities needed for language learning: time, attention, sensory input, interaction, pragmatics, gesture, expressions, self-talk, rhythm. Language is a tool for relationships, whether with each other or with an object. As such language development needs strong relationships as the soil in which it grows. The single best way to promote language is undivided (no phones, no driving, no snacks etc) attention which involves deep listening and relevant responses.

Herts CC have a video for parents that you can find here; <a href="http://tinyurl.com/3xux5wbj">http://tinyurl.com/3xux5wbj</a> right at the bottom of the page "promoting communication". It also emphasises relationship as key to language.

# Looking ahead

It has been wonderful hearing the Nursery Rhymes from this half term's topic seeping into the children's play and conversations. Listening to them sing to themselves while they put on their wellies. Next half term our new topic will be Emotions. We have chosen this as several families are navigating big changes in family life. Being emotionally literate is one of the most highly protective factors to preserve good mental and physical health, for all of us. We will share more next half term. Hopefully we will hear and see the learning from this seep into the children's relationships and conversations too. In the meantime, as part of her Leadership course, Claire has written a presentation about the value and power of relationships and emotion. You can find it on the fourth column of the Information Tab.

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