



Head Teacher: Mrs D Reynolds - BSc Hons QTS NPQH

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24/03/2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next term, Reception and Year 5 will be learning about animals. Year 5 will learn specifically about life cycles and Reception will learn about different animals and how to care for them.

The Happy Chick Company can provide eggs for the children to observe from incubation to fully grown chicks. We would also like to purchase a butterfly garden kit for the children to observe the lifecycle of a caterpillar. This will provide children with first-hand experience of the life cycle of eggs to chicks, and caterpillars to butterflies. Children will also need to care for their new friends, feed them, clean the brooder box and nurture them with love and attention. This promises to be a truly fascinating and enjoyable experience which will support the work done in class during the 'animals' topic.

Every effort has been made to ensure that whilst we do not compromise the experience for your child, we keep the cost to a minimum. We have been able to reduce the cost even further by providing the experience for two classes. To enable this experience to take place we are requesting a *voluntary contribution* of **£5.75** per child to cover the cost of the chicken eggs, caterpillars and all equipment required for them to hatch and grow.

If costs are covered by voluntary contributions, the caterpillars will arrive during the week beginning 25th April and the chicks for the week beginning 9th May.

In cases of financial hardship and particularly for our families in receipt of free school meals, we may be able to subsidise your contribution. Circumstances such as these will be treated sympathetically; do come and talk to me in confidence if this is the case. – Mrs Reynolds (Head Teacher)

Although such a contribution is voluntary, should contributions received by the school render the experience to be considered not viable, it will be cancelled and all contributions will be refunded.

If you would like your child to take part in this experience, please complete the attached permission slip and send it to school by **Friday 22nd April 2016**. Please make payment on ParentPay.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Hainsworth
Reception Teacher

Mrs J Cockerill
Year 5 Teacher

Mrs D Reynolds
Head Teacher

Reception and Year 5
Happy Chicks and Caterpillar Experience

Child's name _____

Year group _____

I would like my child to take part in this experience and I have paid a voluntary contribution of £5.75 towards the cost on ParentPay.

Signed _____ (Parent/ Carer)

