

Learning and Caring Together,
“...they will flourish in the courts of our God.” (Psalm 92:13)

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Tuesday 16th June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

We have some exciting news!

We will be having some new additions to the school animals.

MORRIS THE SCHOOL DOG

Mrs Machin has had a new dog called Morris. He is a Cavapoochon.
Morris will be the school dog and will come into school throughout the school week and visit classes and the outdoor areas.
There are a number of benefits associated with having a school dog: -

- A calming effect on pupils, particularly those with behavioural or learning difficulties.
- Improved behaviour and concentration; reduce stress and improved self-esteem.
- Encouraging expression and participation in more withdrawn children.
- Fostering a sense of responsibility.
- Motivating pupils to think and to learn, as children have a high level of natural interest and enthusiasm for and enjoyment of animals.
- Encouraging respect and thereby improving pupils' relationship with each other, parents and teachers.
- Teaching children to nurture and respect life.
- Helping work undertaken with the most vulnerable children, and educational improvements with low Achievers.
- Helping children build confidence in reading.
- Helping children who suffer bereavement or who are upset in any way and in need of calm, comfort and space before being able to tell an adult what has upset them.

Morris will be fully trained and have all his injections prior to coming into school.

GUINEA PIGS

We have 2 female guinea pigs coming into school; Rainbow and Cookie. They will be homed in the sensory garden (aka Pet's Corner) and children will be able to take part in feeding and petting them.

We will need permissions for your child to participate in the animal activities. Please complete the permission slip attached.

Kind regards

Mrs C Fryer

ANIMAL PERMISSION

MORRIS THE DOG

- I give permission for my child to stroke / pet Morris.
- My child has an allergy to dogs and I do not give permission for them to stroke and pet Morris (please provide further medical information in regards to your child's allergy).
- My child is afraid of dogs but I give permission for them to be given the choice on whether to stroke and pet Morris or to take part in lessons from a distance.
- My child is afraid of dogs and I do not want them to touch or pet Morris. I want them to keep their distance in the classroom and around school.

RAINBOW AND COOKIE THE GUINEA PIGS

- I give permission for my child to stroke / pet the guinea pigs Rainbow and Cookie.
- My child has an allergy to guinea pigs and I do not give permission for them to stroke and pet Rainbow and Cookie (please provide further medical information in regards to your child's allergy).
- My child is afraid of guinea pigs but I give permission for them to be given the choice on whether to stroke and pet Rainbow and Cookie or to take part in lessons from a distance.
- My child is afraid of guinea pigs and I do not want them to touch or pet Rainbow or Cookie. I want them to keep their distance in the classroom and outside.