

Bishop Rawle C. E. Primary School



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Attendance Bunny



Monday 7th March 2022.

Dear parents/carers,

We are writing to you with some very exciting news! As part of our new attendance scheme (Race to 5), the School Council have decided that a weekly treat, for the winning class, will be to care for the new school pet. After lots of discussions, the School Council have agreed that they would like our school to own a rabbit. This news has been fed back by our School Council to their classmates and again, the news has been very 'hoppily' received!

We are in the process of purchasing the hutch, the food, the bedding and most importantly 'Bugs' himself. Also, the School Council will be organising a competition to name our new addition to our school family.

Mrs Bould and the School Council have researched and seen the many benefits of having a school pet, particularly a rabbit.

- Rabbits teach children about responsibility – by children having to remember to feed and give water to the rabbit it can give them a sense of importance and satisfaction that they may not get from other responsibilities.
- They can teach children patience – they do not always do as they are told first time!
- They can teach children compassion – just like us, rabbits feel pain and emotion.
- Rabbits teach children about socialisation – by the children learning how to interact with a rabbit they can better learn how to socialise with other children.
- They are fun – they will put a smile on your face, even on a bad day.
- School pets can also be seen to help with: reading, nurture groups, with attendance and increasing confidence in handling animals.

The rabbit will be kept in the care of the 'winning class' for the whole week and the children will only be able to interact with 'Bugs' under strict supervision.

To keep all children safe, those with allergies will not be allowed to come into close contact with the rabbit. A full risk assessment will be completed and available on our school website.

Children who are fearful of rabbits can be supported in approaching, handling and in gaining confidence in managing their fear. We know that the children will gain a lot of enjoyment from having a school pet.

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Please only complete the below proforma, if your child(ren) has a known allergy towards rabbits, by Friday 11th March 2022.

Many thanks in advance,
The Bishop Rawle Team.

Please tick as appropriate:

- My child has an allergy which means they must not come into close contact with the rabbit.

If you would like to make any additional comments, please feel free to mention these below:

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Signed.....Parent/Carer

Child's Name Date

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