



Dear Parents/Carers

14th February 2019

Re: Year 6 Animal Heart Dissection

After the February half term holiday, Year 6 will be learning about the heart and circulatory system as part of their Science curriculum. We plan to offer the children two exciting opportunities to enhance their learning as part of this unit. Firstly, we have invited an anaesthetist into school to talk to the children and perform a cow's heart dissection. Secondly, the children will get the chance to dissect a lamb's heart. In the past, children have found this session extremely beneficial and gained a greater depth of understanding of the organ and how it functions.

We understand, however, that there may be some children who will not feel comfortable with this, and so we will ensure that only children who want to take part in the activities, do so. We will also take all the necessary safety precautions required, such as using scissors rather than scalpels, purchasing hearts of food quality and making sure that the children wash their hands thoroughly after the activity. **Please could you ensure that your child brings into school an apron or an oversized old shirt** to protect their school uniform. These activities will take place on Friday 1st March 2019.

If you have any concerns regarding this activity, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher.

Thank you and best wishes,

Mrs Brooks, Mr Burgess and Mrs Roberts