



Dear Sissinghurst Families,

Farm Meat Boxes

We are now taking pre-orders for our 'Sissinghurst Piggy Bank Pork' (brand name by year 6). We have limited availability so please email the office early to avoid disappointment. Once we confirm we have boxes available, payment can then be made over parent pay. Collection will be via the office after morning drop-off; provisional date which is to be confirmed is Friday 18th March. Each box costs £26 and contains the following cuts of meat:

- 1 roasting joint
- 2 x packs of pork chops
- 2 x packs of belly strips
- 1 x pack of sausages
- 1 x pack of diced pork
- 1 x pack of pork steaks.

Our year 6 Farm School Leaders are very proud to share the product of all their hard work rearing these animals. Please see the following letter written by one of our year 6 children to tell you a little more about the purpose behind the process of rearing the pigs. We are also delighted to say that the pigs have fulfilled their task in preparing the ground for the redevelopment of the conservation area and this is now ready to be developed during the spring.



Dear Consumer:

Thank you for your purchase of our Sissinghurst primary school pig meat. Do not worry these pigs had a lovely life: free range, fed everyday and constant care. These pigs were bred for meat and the money in which we receive shall be used for re-instating the wildlife area and getting more animals for farm school.

All money raised from the proceeds of the meat box sales will go directly back into the development of our farm garden and our conservation area.

As we begin the next phase of our Farm School Project I thought I would share with you the exciting next steps.

1. The School Farm Kitchen garden is in the process of being created, so far the frame for the poly tunnel has been erected, fencing and raised beds are being built over the next few weeks, we will then be able to begin planting after the Easter holidays.
2. Later in Spring we will be having a sheep and her lamb come to stay with us for a term and we will also have a pen of orphaned lambs to care for. Once the lambs are older they will return to the main farm.
3. Over the next few weeks we are beginning to prepare the next stage of pens ready for the arrival of two new permanent members of our School Farm. We are looking forward to welcoming two pygmy goats, who will join our school welfare team as 'wellbeing goats', they will be halter trained so that the children can walk them and they will need regular grooming.
4. After Easter we will be incubating eggs and hatching chicks to add to our chicken flock – our school Happy Hen eggs are for sale from the school office.
5. Three new pigs will arrive later this Spring, they will have a new pen in an area of school which needs nettles and brambles clearing.
6. Next term two running ducks will be coming to visit for a few weeks. The ducks also lay eggs and it will be interesting to compare the needs of, care of and eggs of ducks and chickens.
7. The conservation garden and pond area will be replanted with wildflowers and grasses and the pond will be regenerated so that it can be used in the new school year for pond dipping and observation.

Thank you for supporting our Farm School Project.

Sissinghurst Farm School Leaders.



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