Meet the ‘new club on the block’, as far as school clubs and organisations go. There are plenty of other sporting and cultural activities to get involved in – you know them all – tennis, hockey, chess, debating ... blah blah blah. But this is the first time we are looking beyond the human boundaries and getting to interact with our furry friends: *woof, meow and tweet*!

**So why an animal club?**

Let’s get the wording straight. This is not a club for animals as such – they don’t come to meetings! – but for learners who *love* animals (especially those of the cute and cuddly variety) and who want to make a difference in their lives. First a little background. Earlier in the year the Governing Body decided that enough was enough, and the school should sit up and start taking notice of the increasing numbers of abandoned and neglected animals that are finding their way onto our streets; and moreover that we start DOING something about it. But teachers (and grown-ups generally) can only do so much. WE are the ones who often end up with a broom in one hand and a brush in the other – in other words feeding the cat, shaking out the dog’s blanket, cleaning up the garden . . . you get the idea!

Okay, so we’ve started The Cuddlies Club. What next? Well, we want YOU (yes, if you’re reading this, that means YOU) to consider giving up just one break time each week (on a Friday) to meet with us in Room 21, where we’ll discuss and cordinate our activities for the coming week.

**We need YOU**