

## HOUSEBUILDER BRINGS SPRING TO LIFE WITH EGG HATCHING EXPERIENCE AT LOCAL SCHOOL

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Housebuilder Barratt Homes delighted pupils at St Peter's C of E Primary School in Henfield with the donation of an 'egg-citing' hatching experience. As Barratt Homes builds new life in the community at its nearby Bishop Park development, the housebuilder donated the eggs and incubator to the pupils as part of its ongoing Education Programme. The pupils loved the experience which enabled them to witness new life in the form of 8 new chicks just in time for the arrival of Spring.

The egg hatching experience lasted 10 days and began with several pre-incubated eggs arriving at the school. The children from Starfish and Octopus classes were able to view the eggs and watch as the chicks hatched before being moved to a brooding cage to keep them warm and safe. All pupils involved were able to learn all about the life cycle of chicks, caring for animals and recognising that all life requires a safe shelter and warm home. They also had the opportunity to hold the chicks.

Mr Matthews, Head of St Peter's C of E Primary School, commented: "Our egg hatching experience provided by Barratt Homes was truly unique, and all of the children loved it. This was an excellent opportunity to teach our pupils about the life cycle of a chick and educate them on a wide range of subjects, such as science and numeracy, as well as the different needs that animals have."

Lynnette St Quintin, Sales and Marketing Director for Barratt Southern Counties, commented: "We are delighted that pupils at our nearby schools enjoyed this Easter hatching experience which forms part of our community engagement programme. As a sustainable housebuilder, we are committed to preserving nature and wildlife, and aim to provide relevant educational opportunities wherever possible. This egg hatching experience uses ethically sourced providers, so after the eggs hatch, the chicks are collected and then live on a farm or are rehomed with hobby chicken keepers.

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Barratt Homes is currently building its Bishop Park development in Henfield. The development is a collection of three, four and five-bedroom homes nestled in the countryside close to the South Downs. Currently on offer are four-bedroom homes where prices currently start from £435,995.

For more information about Barratt Homes, visit <u>www.barratthomes.co.uk</u> or call 08448114343.

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- 1. Barratt Homes is part of Barratt Developments PLC a FTSE 100 Company
- 2. Barratt Group sold 17,395 homes in the year to June 2017, making it the biggest housebuilder by volume in Britain
- 3. Barratt Group was awarded a maximum five-star rating for the eighth consecutive year in the 2017 Home Builders Federation Customer Satisfaction Survey
- 4. Site managers working for Barratt Group won 74 awards for quality workmanship in the 2017 NHBC Pride in the Job Awards. Barratt has won more Pride in the Job awards than any other housebuilder for the last twelve years