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Dear Parents/Carers



We are excited to inform you that we will be having a visit of real live farm animals from the organisation 'Ark Farm.' <http://www.arkfarm.co.uk/> for the children in the Nursery, Foundation and Year 1.



During the visit your children will have real hands-on access to the animals subject to them being fit to travel on the day: Animals that have visited us in previous years include sheep, a Shetland pony, a calf, ducks, chickens and a goat.



'Ark Farm' will also bring gazebos either for shade or shelter for both the children and the animals.



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Ark Farm has public liability insurance, are DBS checked and will have completed all necessary Defra paperwork regarding movement of the animals to and from our school event. The event will have been fully risk assessed.



The 'Ark Farm' is very hands on and all animals can be touched and petted so the organisation provides insurer approved sanitiser for the children to clean their hands with afterwards. They also clear up all animal mess throughout the day as it happens, taking all waste away with them at the end of the day. On hard surfaces they will wash down the area at the end of the day.



I am sure you will agree that this is an amazing opportunity for our children to learn all about caring for farm animals in a safe environment. Our visit is scheduled for Friday 19th May. The visit by Ark Farm is kindly being subsidised by The Friends of Hazeldene, therefore we are able to ask you for a contribution of £2 per child. Payment needs to be made using the **PARENT PAY SYSTEM** and all payments must be made by **MONDAY 15TH MAY**.



On this occasion we would ask if you would mind not informing your child of this event as we are hoping to make it a wonderful surprise as they arrive to find our outside area transformed into a real farm! Imagine their faces!!!



Yours Sincerely



The Nursery, Foundation and Year 1 Teams



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