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Dear Parents

Farm fun Day at Cheapside! – Thursday 28th June 2018

This year the children in Wrens, Robins and Doves will all be taking part in a Farm fun day at Cheapside School on Thursday 28th June 2018. As a key stage we are all looking at the topic 'Animal Magic' and we hope the visit from Miller's Ark Farm will indeed be magical.

We have taken the decision to organise this day on site rather than taking the children out on a trip. We hope that this will mean the children get more hands on time with the animals and get more out of the time they spend in smaller groups learning about and interacting with the animals.

We have invited Miller's Ark Farm into school for the day and they will be bringing with them a really good selection of their friendly farm animals which will include a selection of the following: sheep and lambs to cuddle, naughty goats and kids, piglets to tickle, a miniature donkey or pony to groom, geese and beautiful chickens ranging from giant Brahma to small bantams, and rabbits and guinea pigs.

All the animals can be handled, groomed and cuddled. Each class group will get a tailored session and interactive talk on wool, eggs, milk and feet, mums and their babies, similarities and differences, ear tags, how to care for them and what they eat. Miller's Ark aim to encourage interaction with the animals throughout the visit.

Also planned for the day are interactive mini-beast hunts in the forest, as well as classroom based fun activities linked to a book set on a farm 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. Activities will include designing their own farm, decorating ladybird cookies, and building a shed for a fine prized cow!

In order to make the day special, we are inviting all the children to dress up in farm related attire, this could be an animal costume, dressing up as a farmer or coming as the ladybird from the story. Ice lollies will be available for every child to have as a treat during the day.

We are asking for voluntary donations of £7.25 per child to cover the cost of the visiting farm and would be grateful to receive your voluntary contribution via your online SCOPAY account.

Please make your donation by Monday, 25 June 2018.

Please note that whilst we ask for voluntary contributions, without parental funding events of this nature could not take place. We are committed to ensuring that no child should miss out through financial difficulties. Please see the School Office in confidence if you have any concerns.

We are sure the children will have an educational, fun and memorable day.

Please let your child's class teacher know if your child has any allergies or phobias to animals. If you have a current school DBS check and would be interested in helping out on the day then please let us know.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Summers
Class Teacher