



BEDFORD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
ST JOSEPH'S & ST GREGORY'S PRIMARY

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Ark Farm is coming to St. Joseph's and St Gregory's!

Dear Parents/Carers of Puffins, Penguins and Pelicans

During the first few weeks of term, the Early Years classes are exploring 'Rosie's Walk' and 'The Little Red Hen'. As part of this topic, Ark Farm will visit our school on Friday 21st September in the morning. The Farm visits many schools in the local area.

The Farm will bring various animals all of which are tame and are petted by children. The animals could include one or two of the following animals: sheep, ponies, cows, donkeys, pigs, ducks, chickens, goats, and dogs. The farm decides on the day which animals to bring. The children will learn about the animals in small groups for between 20 and 30 minutes. They will be allowed to touch the animals and the farm brings government approved hand cleaning material.

Many children don't have direct contact with farm animals, so this provides an amazing learning experience for the children.

In order to fund this experience we are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £2 per child which can be paid online via a 'Scopay' account (ask at the school office to set one up) or by direct payment to the school. Without the contributions the school will find it difficult to fund further experiences and trips of this kind. Children in receipt of Free School Meals will have their contribution paid through Pupil Premium funding. If you would like to know more about this, please enquire at the school office.

Yours faithfully

The Early Years Team

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