## **OXHEY FIRST SCHOOL**

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Excellence, Teamwork, Equality, Respect





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Dear Parents of Early Years Children- Little Ladybirds, Dazzling Dragonflies and Sparkly Spiders

In connection with our Spring/New Life topic, we have arranged a visit from the Farm on Wheels on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Farm on Wheels is a mobile farm experience that brings the farm animals to school and supports the Understanding of the World area of the curriculum. The children will have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding through exploring and investigating the animals.

This visit has proved to be a very successful in the past. All of the animals that have been chosen are trained to be quiet and handle able, to ensure that all of the children are able to interact with them for a real life, hands on experience. The children will meet lambs or goat kids, a calf/ donkey, rabbits, chickens and ducks. They will also be able to feed the baby lambs! They will learn lots of information about the animals, including names for the female, male and baby animal, food they eat and how to care for them. The opportunity to see and handle the animals close up is a very stimulating and enjoyable experience for the children and the ideal way to teach them how to treat animals with care and sensitivity. After handling the animals, the children wash their hands immediately when they go back into class.

Based on the number of children in the EYFS classes, the visit works out at £4.50 per child.

We are therefore asking for a voluntary contribution of £4.50 per child to cover the cost of this experience. Please note that no child will be denied participation on the grounds that a financial contribution has not been made on his or her behalf. However, bearing in mind the cost of the trip, if support from parents is insufficient the experience will be unable to take place. This experience can be paid for on Parent Pay.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Fletcher EYFS Lead











