







## Down on the farm!

Welcome to 'Big School'!! I hope your children are as excited about starting school as we are about having them here! The first couple of weeks will be focused on getting to know your children by playing with them, and carrying out observations. We will start your child's 'Learning Scrapbook' which you will see regularly throughout the year. We have asked each child to bring in an 'All about me' box to share with the class. We have already enjoyed looking at some of them, the children have chatted happily about the contents. Our first topic is 'Down on the Farm' and we will be learning 'The Little Red Hen' story, making bread, creating scarecrows and lots more! We invite the children to come to school dressed a farmer on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September to kick start our topic!

As always, my door is always open if you have any worries or just want to ask us a question.

Mrs May, Mrs Wilmott and Mrs Freeman <sup>©</sup>

Please make sure your child has a named pair of wellies in school all the time – we like to get out and about in the mud as much as possible!

We welcome parent help in class. If you would like to come and help at all regularly or occasionally, please let us know! If you have a specific skill or interest that you could share please come and see one of us!

We will be holding a Read, Write, Inc meeting on Tuesday 17th October at 2.30pm. This will give you a brief overview of the phonics scheme we use and how it works in school and at home.

## Diary dates

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> September – dress as a farmer day w/c 18<sup>th</sup> September – Flexi week w/c 25<sup>th</sup> September – All children full time Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – School photos & first welly walk
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Grab a Grown up

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – PTFA disco
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Phonics meeting
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – End of Term 1

## **Routines**

Physical Development
Focused teaching of PE will be
on a Wednesday. Please make
sure ALL PE kit is named and

Grab a Grown Up will be alternate Fridays, starting 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Please pop into the classroom to see your child's learning between 8.40am and 8.50am.

## Den (Library)

kept in school.

Lime Class will visit the den on a Tuesday. Please send your child's book back each week so they can swap it.

Read Write Inc Phonics
We will begin teaching the sounds on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>
September. Please check book bags for handwriting homework sheets and send them back to school for House Points!

We will be going on a Welly Walk every Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm, beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September. You are very welcome to join us ©

Your child will need a named water bottle (not squash or juice) and suitable coat in school every day please.

Reading books will be sent home daily and changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We will change books that have been read twice at home so please make sure you record in the yellow reading record.