

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome back** to the new school year at Welbeck! All of the children in F2 have settled in nicely and are eager to learn! This term we are likely to see a change in the weather, so please ensure children have appropriate clothing-A rain coat, and warmer clothing, like hats, gloves and scarfs towards the colder months. We do a lot of outdoor learning, in our Forest Garden, come rain or shine!

If you wish to talk to me, I am free at the end of the day to answer any questions or address any concerns. Looking forward to getting to know you and your children, for an exciting year ahead! 😊

Mrs Grady – Class teacher

### **It is so important that your child is in school every day!**

**Children can come to school with a cough and a sneeze!**

Also, the school day is very busy! **The children need to be well rested and ready for the day ahead.**

- School opens from 8.40am. Learning time takes place from then, so please arrive on time! **Doors will close promptly at 8.45am.** Pick up time is 3.15pm

Children age 4 and 5 need around 10 hours sleep. Please aim to have children in bed by 7.00-7.30.

If your child goes to bed past 8pm, they will be tired at school!

- **Please limit screen time (iPads, switches, mobile phones and computers), these will keep your child awake at bedtime.**

**Reading a bed time story is best!**



## **F2G Autumn Newsletter September 2023**

### **Important Dates**

Phonics meeting – Letter to follow –  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sept**

INSET day – **29<sup>th</sup> Sept**

School photographer – **19<sup>th</sup> Oct**

End of term – **20<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Return to school- **6<sup>th</sup> November**

### **PE is every Monday and Friday**

Please make sure your child brings a PE kit on as soon as possible. This can stay in school. - T-shirt, shorts, joggers, jumper, trainers – weather appropriate and **please label all items.**

Children are encouraged to get dressed for PE independently, **so please practise as much as possible at home.**

**Remember- no jewellery, including earrings, are allowed for PE.**

### **Book list**

Here is a list of the fantastic books we will be enjoying this half term.

Weeks 1 & 2 **I love me!**

Weeks 3 & 4 **The Family Book**

Weeks 5 & 6 **The 3 Little Pigs**

Week 7 **The Little Red Hen**

In addition, we will be enjoying of fiction and non-fiction titles linked to the topic.



### **Topic**

Our topic this term is ‘**Marvellous Me**’. During this half term, our main priority is settling the children into school routine and building positive relationships with yourselves and the children.

Alongside this, we will be learning all about ourselves – what we look like, our likes or dislikes, where we live, our families, friendships and what makes us unique!

We will also be looking at similarities and differences between cultures and our own identity and begin to talk about special events and familiar people.

We will also take a walk around the local community, explore the types of homes we could live in and reflect on how other people live around the World.

Our last week of term will be dedicated to Harvest Festival. To celebrate this, we will pick fruit and vegetables from our wonderful allotment and make something yummy! More info to follow...

### **What you can do at home...**

**Read** with your child at least 4 times and sign their diary. We check this every Friday and rewards are given!

**Read for pleasure** and enjoy the Library books, that are supplied by school with your child. These are swapped weekly. (More info on reading during our phonics meeting, which you will receive a letter later in the term.)

**Practise dressing and undressing with your child**- buttons and zips are challenging for little fingers, so the more we practise-the better we will be!

**Encourage your child to try new foods and practise using a knife and fork.** The menu is on the Welbeck website and notice board. Talk about and try the delicious foods on offer.

**Ask your child about his or her day**- find out what an exciting day they have had at school! Start by telling them about your day, this will remind them about theirs!