



# Year R Newsletter

## Autumn 1



### Welcome to Year R!

We are really looking forward to the year and getting to know your children and for them to get to know us. We have a lot of exciting things planned for the term. This newsletter will give you an outline of things to come but, please, speak to any of the team if you have any questions.



### Phonics

We will be starting to teach the children phonics this term. During our first PiPs meeting we will share our approaches and ways which you can support your child at home. In the meantime, please encourage your child to notice sounds around them. These could be similar or different sounds in the home and outside, rhyming sounds of words in books you read at home, the rhythm and beat of music and words... All of this is really valuable practice to be ready to begin to learn letter sounds.

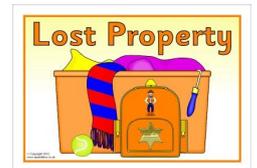


### School Uniform

All of the children look very smart in their new uniforms and they are very proud of them!



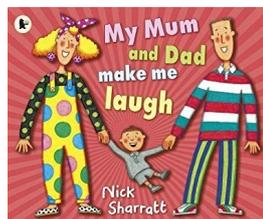
Being so busy during the day, they sometimes leave their cardigans or jumpers lying around. If you have not yet done so, please can you check that all of your child's uniform has their name in so that we can return lost items to their rightful owner.



As you can imagine, 90 Year R children's jumpers look very similar!

### This term, in class we are learning about...

Our topic for this half term is make me smile!. We will share rhymes and stories with a humorous content that make children smile!



The children will listen to stories and talk about what makes them laugh or smile. They will be encouraged talk with confidence about what they have heard. Maybe your child could bring into school a book which made you laugh when you shared it together?

To improve children's pencil control they will practise drawing large and small circles and stripes. This helps with anticlockwise formation and retracing vertical lines in readiness for forming letters. The children will take part in lots of fine motor activities to strengthen their finger muscles.

### Water

We encourage the children to drink throughout the day as it has been shown that this helps to keep us alert, and to concentrate better. Please remind your child to take home their water bottle each day so that it can be cleaned ready for the following day. Thank you.

### Parents in partnership Meeting (Pips)

We will be holding meetings at 2.45pm to 3pm in your child's classroom on Wednesday 26th September. Please come to your outside classroom door.

### Liphook Infants School Friends Association - LISFA

We have a very active Friends Association. Please come along to our first Friends' event—the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 28th



September, 9am in the school hall.