

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Loose Primary School

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A WONDERFUL START

We really have had the most wonderful start to the academic year thanks to your amazing children! They have settled really well into life in YR at Loose Primary School and have been taking everything in their stride and have become well adjusted to the routines. It is lovely to see them come into school each day smiling, happy and ready for the day's learning ahead.

We would like to thank you all for your support with transitioning your children into school - thank

you for your punctuality at drop off and collection times and for trusting us with the start of their learning journey! We are always available to talk - any questions or concerns, just get in touch with the EY team.



UNIFORM

Here are a few reminders about uniform expectations:

- **Grey tights only** - no black, red or white
- **Shirts** - full collared shirts, no polo shirts or blouses with patterned or frilly collars
- **Black school shoes** - no boots or white-soled trainers
- **Socks** - grey for boys, grey or white for girls
- **Jumpers / cardigans** - 'Loose' official ones please - can be bought from Pages or from our second-hand uniform shop
- **Ties** - do not need to be worn in YR but compulsory from Y1

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU

Thank you for attending parent-teacher consultations this week. It was great to have the time to talk with you about your children. Parent-teacher evenings are so valuable for you as parents, as well as valuable for us as teachers. Children's success in school is built upon a strong relationship between us both and we value the chance to hear about your children as much as you enjoy hearing about their

learning in school. We look forward to the next consultation evenings in Term 3 – however, if you have any questions about your child's progress or learning before that time, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher. We are always here – never leave a concern or question to fester!

In Term 2, we are planning to run 'Stay & Play' sessions, whereby

parents are invited into school for part of the morning to spend time finding out what their children actually get up to in school! If your children are anything like mine, then you may only hear about what they had for lunch! The children love these 'Stay & Play' sessions just as much as the parents – so, get ready to find your inner child and have fun! Look out for more information in the coming weeks.



PHONICS & READING WORKSHOP

In Term 2, we will be running a 'Phonics and Reading Workshop' for parents of children in YR. This will give you information about how we teach phonics and reading at Loose as well as practical tips and ideas for how to support your child with this at home. YR parents who have attended this in the past have commented on how valuable this workshop has been. Dates to be confirmed at the start of Term 2.



LEARNING IN TERM 2

Our theme for next term is 'Pumpkins and Parties'. This topic is great fun and the children's learning will be focused around the core texts: 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper, 'Pattan's Pumpkin' by Chitra Soundar and 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson.

The children will be learning about the seasons, growth and decay, festivals from around the world... and will have all sorts of fun with pumpkins!

We will be pushing ahead with more phonemes in Term 2. Thank

you to those of you who read and practice phonics with your children regularly at home – it really does make such a difference to their progress and enables us in school to challenge them further. Little and often is key at this age!

YEAR R CHRISTMAS NATIVITY 2023

It's the time of year when we start looking forward to and planning the Year R Christmas Nativity. We know that this is such a special event for parents and families and we look forward to inviting you into school to watch your children's performance.

This year, we will be debuting a new show - **'Baarmy Bethlehem'** - the story of three sheep who are real party animals and have heard about a celebration in Bethlehem! Dates will be in the school newsletter and ticket info will be sent out in due course.



BISCUIT BEAR BAKE OFF

Thank you to everyone who baked yummy goods for the YR Biscuit Bear Bake Off. As usual the Loose Primary community love a cake sale and we were run off our feet! We raised a total of **£301.73** for Early Years - the children will be helping us to spend it!

A SNAPSHOT OF LIFE IN THE EARLY YEARS AT LOOSE:



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