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Friday 25th November 2016 24 Cheshvan 5777 Parashat Chayei Sarah

Shabbat begins tonight at 3.40 p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 4.51 pm

Dates for your diary

Please check the calendar section of the school website for more detailed information.

Chanukah celebrations/presentations

Thursday 15th December

9.30 Years 1 & 2 (Year 1 & 2 parents invited)

Tuesday 20th December

9.30 Years 3 - 6 (Years 3 - 6 parents invited)

Wednesday 21st December

9.30 EYFS (N and Rec parents invited)

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much to all the parents who are expressing an interest in becoming volunteers. I am considering all applications and you will be notified accordingly.

The Hackney Learning Trust will be reviewing the progress of the school on Monday 28th November 2016 and I will inform you of the outcome when this becomes available – I am expecting very positive things in the full report.

I will also be reviewing the provision of Jewish Studies at Simon Marks, and an important questionnaire will be sent out shortly, and it is really important that you complete the form and be very honest in your views.

I hope to be able to confirm the Simon Marks Whole School Leadership arrangements and any new staff which will be appointed, as soon as possible.

Gareth Thomas
Interim Headteacher

Book Fair

Thank you to all who supported the Book Fair. Due to your support we are now able to order over £300 worth of books from Scholastic.

Thought for the Week - Parashat Chayei Sarah

Yitzchak (Avraham's son) became of an age to get married, Avraham his father asked Eliezer one of his loyal servants to go back to his home town Charan to find a good, worthy and hospitable wife for his beloved son.

Eliezer was anxious to serve his master well; he was worried that perhaps he would choose the wrong wife, and prayed to Hashem to help him with this important task. Avraham gave Eliezer a letter and some jewellery to give to the intended wife.

Eliezer set out with his camels on the trip to Charan. At evening time he arrived at a well just outside Charan and as he was thirsty and tired from such a long journey he stopped. At the well he noticed a girl with beautiful eyes and he asked her if she could give him some water to quench his thirst. Rivka (Rebecca) answered Eliezer respectfully, "Drink my master" and when he finished drinking, she added, "now I will give your camels some water and then you may come to my father's home and you and your camels can have a rest".

Eliezer thanked the lord for giving him a sign that Rivka was the one: her generosity, kindness and hospitality were an indication that she would be suitable wife for Yitzchak (Isaac). He gave her the jewellery.

Lavan, her brother, saw her with the jewellery that she was given and when asked if Eliezer could take her with him to be Yitzchak's wife, knowing that Abraham was a very rich man,

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he very readily and enthusiastically agreed to the marriage.

What we learn from this

Kindness and generosity are good qualities to have. However, good deeds are not done because we think there may be a reward at the end.

Shabbat Shalom.

Children In Need

Thank you for supporting Children In Need last Friday. The children had a wonderful day and we raised £132.00 for the charity.

Achievements

Rec:

Liam - for settling in really well and beginning to read simple words.

Louie - For trying his best and reading captions unaided.

Year 1:

Marlon – for working so hard on green behaviour and achieving gold!

Isabelli – for trying to write independently and producing beautiful work.

Year 2:

Kaambe – for improving her listening skills especially when on the carpet

Rey

Working very hard to complete his literacy work

Year 3:

Olivia – Working hard on her writing and making great progress.

Kyle - Putting lots of effort into completing his work and fantastic green behaviour!

Year 4:

Daniel – Giving his best in Literacy

Miya H – Always following green expectations and for being so positive all the time

Year 5:

Anastasia – Giving her best effort in Maths and being on at least bronze all week!

Daniel – Superb green behaviour and getting gold twice this week!

Year 6:

Kara Adunyame– improved handwriting this week

Blessing Itunga – improved maths work

This week we would also like to celebrate the work of a pupil in Year 3. Mrs Harris has chosen some writing by Alma in Year 4 who have been writing around the theme of 'Dragons'. The children were asked to use a range of sentence openers and connectives to make their writing varied and interesting. Alma's use of fronted adverbials impressively and can you spot the simile? Her work can be seen overleaf.

Ice dragons Appearance

Like many dragons, the ice dragons have a long spiky tail, sharp teeth and eyes as ~~as~~ blue as ice. ^{# Great!}

Typically they have a dark blue skin. However, when they fall asleep ^{their} skin turns a baby blue colour. ^{# lovely idea!}

Ice dragons are easy to identify because of their great feature these long sharp claws. ^{which} litch you can hear from a mile away ~~too~~ because of their stomps. Additionally, the

^{babies} babies are a light turquoise.