

NEWSNOTES



Friday 24th February 2017 28 Sh'vat 5777 Parashat Mishpatim

Shabbat begins tonight at 5.14 p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 6.24 p.m.

Dates for your diary

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

February

27th – 3rd March

Book week

28th February

Pre-loved book sale

March

Thursday 2nd

World Book Day (dressing up as a book character)

Pre-loved book sale

Sunday 5th

Purim Disco (PTA)

Wednesday 8th

Yr 1 assembly to parents

Friday 10th

Purim celebration in school

Wednesday 15th March

Yr 2 assembly to parents

Friday 17th March

School closes at 3.30

Wednesday 22nd March

Yr 6 assembly to parents

Wednesday 29th March

EYFS assembly to parents

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March

Parents' evenings

Early closure on Friday ends 17th March when the school will be open until 3.30.

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents,

World book day is next week so please see the message later in these newsnotes about what we have in store for the children! We will all be dressing up as book characters next Thursday.

Next week advertisements for permanent staff including an Assistant Headteacher for the Jewish Studies Department will be placed on the school and Hackney Learning Trust's websites. Within this we are also looking for a new teacher

for the Nursery and would like to apologise to parents for not notifying them of the departure of Ms James earlier.

Gareth Thomas
Interim Headteacher

Payment for school trips

Most classes have been on exciting trips this term to stimulate their curiosity and increase understanding of what they are learning. The school does not have a budget to fund trips and they can only go ahead if parents pay.

Please, could you check your ParentPay, account and if you have outstanding amounts please pay these as soon as possible to enable us to continue to enrich the curriculum with these opportunities.

If you have any queries about your account, or what is required, please contact the school office.

Thought for the Week – Parashat Mishpatim

Once the Israelites were given the Ten Commandments, we learn in this Parasha, that Hashem teaches them 'Dinim' (laws) about how one human being should treat another.

The Torah teaches us that we must keep two kinds of Mitzvot (good deeds):

- 1) Mitzvot towards Hashem; for example worship Him, respect Him, honour Him and have faith in Him
- 2) Mitzvot towards each other; for example should one take something from another person without permission? You should have respect for other people and their properties.

The Parasha teaches us laws that deal with damage done to people or their property and the compensation they should receive from any damage. It also tells us how to be considerate to peoples' feelings, how we should treat our servants and that they should not serve us for longer than six years. After this period we should

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set them free unless they wish to remain as servants.

Courtesy and politeness towards mankind is of utmost importance. We should never shame others in public. We also learn to be honest and to never lie.

Thought of the week:

One must have respect for others' feelings and property. "ואהבת לרעך כמוך" "Love thy neighbour as thyself."

Book Week

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day all week. Please bring in any unwanted books that are in a good condition for our pre-loved book sale, held on **Tuesday and Thursday** after school.

On **Tuesday** we will be holding a 'drop everything and read' day. Whenever the bell rings, the whole school will drop everything and read for ten minutes. The children can bring in their own book to read from home, or choose one from the class library.

The whole school will be dressing up on **Thursday**, so please help your child to start preparing their costume.

Congratulations to **Talya Jose** (Yr5) and **Melita Rochman** (Yr3) who had their short stories entered into the '500 words' competition. Good luck to you both!

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017

Sainsbury's are once again giving out one voucher for every £10 spent in their large store or online and one for every £5 spent in a 'Local' store. This will continue until 2nd May and we will then have until June to collect, count and redeem them for sports and/or fitness equipment.

If you, friend or family shop at Sainsbury's, please collect the vouchers and bring them to school –

they can be handed to classteachers or put straight into the collection box outside the office.

Achievements

Rec:

Evangeline: re-telling and acting out the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt."

Esther: excellent creativity when recreating the setting from the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt."

Year 1

Udemz: For working exceptionally well in Maths.

Nathan: For working hard to improve his handwriting.

Year 2

Sara: For using great creativity to help decorate our class

Samuel M: For making a concerted effort to do cursive writing

Year 3

Kyle - for working really hard on his learning and behaviour this week.

Reuban - for always showing a great deal of kindness towards his classmates.

Year 4:

Isaac: giving his best effort in Maths (Time: four operations)

Crispin: being consistently positive and friendly in and out of class

Year 5

Jaden – for exceptional progress in converting mixed numbers to improper fractions during maths.

Leontin – for exceptional progress in converting mixed numbers to improper fractions during maths.

Year 6

Anastasia – For showing extra effort and hard work in all her subjects

Gideon – For editing and checking his work for errors and making some great improvements