

# NEWSNOTES



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 19 Adar 5777 Parashat Ki Tisa

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## Dates for your diary

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

### **March**

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Yr 5 trip to Israeli Dance Festival

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Yr 6 assembly to parents

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Parents' evening 3.45 – 5.45p.m.

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Parents' evening 4.30 – 7p.m.

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

EYFS Seder

### **April**

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

KS2 Seder

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

KS1 Seder

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

School closes at 1.30

#### 10<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April

School holiday

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

New term starts

### **May**

#### SATs dates

KS1 – all of May

KS2 – 8 – 11<sup>th</sup> May

14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May

Yr 6 school journey

**Please do not book any  
holidays during the  
scheduled SATs weeks.**

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## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents,

This week in newsnotes you can read all about the exciting trips and activities that took place in our school this week, including the Year 5 trip to The Tower of London, Year 1 pizza fractions and the Year 2 assembly. It's lovely to see children really engaging in their learning.

As many of you are aware, Mr Gilani has been at home for two weeks to spend time with his family, including his new arrival – a baby boy. We were all very lucky to see father and two of his sons on Thursday at school, and wish them well.

As you are aware, parents' evenings are scheduled for the week after next, and I have included times in this week's 'dates for your diary'. Letters will be sent out next week to enable parents to make appointments.

I'd like to thank all staff, pupils and parents for their continued support during this busy time.

Shabbat Shalom,

Debra Crouch  
Interim Deputy Headteacher

## Lost property

There are an ever-increasing number of items in the lost property box which is situated in the school reception area. Please make a point of claiming lost items and if at first you don't find what you are looking for, please come back another day as sometimes it takes a while for items to be taken to the lost property box.

## Parashat Ki Tisa

Hashem told Moshe to count Bnai –Yisrael not by counting each person (which can be confusing and time consuming), but by collecting a silver coin (half a Shekel) from each person and count the coins. He instructed him to do this before building the Mishkan (Temporary dwelling,

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Tabernacle) as the silver coins could be melted and used for the Mishkan.

Moshe Told Bnai – Yisrael that he was going to Mount Sinai to get the Torah, the two tablets with the Ten Commandments and he would return after forty days. Somehow the Israelites miscalculated the days and assumed that Moses deserted them. “How can we continue travelling without our leader?” they asked, “who will be our guide?” With that in mind they committed a grave sin, they decided to melt some jewellery to make a golden calf which they could worship.

When Moshe returned to the foot of Mount Sinai, he saw the golden calf with Bnai – Yisrael happily singing and dancing around it. He was shocked and angry; he felt that at that moment the Israelites did not deserve the two tablets and decided to shock them by shattering them. It worked, Bnai – Yisrael were immediately remorseful, they understood at once the severity of their sin and begged Moshe to ask Hashem for forgiveness. The following day Moshe went back to Mount Sinai for yet another forty days. He prayed to Hashem with all his might. “I will give the people another chance to receive the Ten Commandments,” said Hashem.

This time when Moshe came down from the mountain, Bnai -Yisrael were waiting for him with excitement mixed with trepidation. They were delighted and thankful to Hashem for his forgiveness.

## Thought of the week

Have faith in your leaders and the people who look after you – they will fulfil their promises and know what is best for you.

## Cycling to school

We have noticed that a number of children are not wearing cycle helmets when they ride to school. Please keep your child safe by insisting that they wear a helmet and remember: your child may cycle safely and slowly, but other road and pavement users do not always do so.

## Year 1-Pizza Fractions!

This week year 1 started learning about fractions including  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ . To engage them and help them in their learning year 1 made their own pizzas! They had to put the correct amount of toppings on their pizza.



It was not an easy job! We had to make sure it was equal and tried to be exact. Below you can see that some toppings only covered a quarter or half of the pizza. Thanks to all the parents who provided the toppings! It was so yummy we ate all the leftover!



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## Year 5 Trip to The Tower of London



*Year 5 children dressed as rich Tudors.*

Year 5 has had another wonderful trip – this time to the Tower of London! We have been learning a lot of this half term about the Tudors. During our trip we had a fantastic workshop where we got to explore Tudor clothing and arrange one another in order of hierarchy and importance. Many of our students were full of questions and didn't shy away from asking them whenever they got the chance. Carmen approached a few of the employees to clarify some of her ideas. Her recount is below.



*The Tower of London was a spectacular experience. When I chatted with one of the Beefeaters (one of the Tower guards) and asked questions, he told me that there is an entire community of Beefeaters and their families who all live in the Tudor-like houses.*

*I asked one of the people who worked at the Tower questions and they gave me lots of information about the mysterious dragon sculpture that we saw in the White Tower and what it represented. The eyes were made of telescopes which symbolised the first royal observant. The coins in the dragon's belly symbolised how the crown jewels were kept at the Tower and all of the other possessions as well. It was such a wonderful day and we even had the best weather ever!*

*Carmen*



*The wonderful weather at the end of our trip made for a perfect picture in front of Tower Bridge.*



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## Achievements

### Rec:

**Benji:** For acting out a camping adventure with his friends.

**Leo:** For making up and writing his own sentences.

### Year 1

**Marlon:** For outstanding green behaviour.

**Chaplain:** For his beautiful and neat handwriting.

**Lori:** For her awesome literacy story.

### Year 2

**Romi:** for decorating her mask with such care

**Samuel G:** for an excellent retelling of our class text

### Year 3

**Joshua:** For a fantastic homework project – making a model of Stonehenge.

**Leo:** For working really hard to improve his handwriting and spelling, and taking more care over his work.

### Year 4:

**Crispin** – never giving up but instead always trying his best

**Whole Class** – for outstanding behaviour and work ethic while Mr Gilani has been away.

### Year 5:

**Maytal** – for an exceptional information poster about King Henry VIII.

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### Year 6

**Alberto** – for making improvements to his writing

**Naomi** – for being such a brilliant role model and for always being willing to help others