

NEWSNOTES



Friday 16th June 2017 22 Sivan 5777 Parashat Shlach

Shabbat begins tonight at 9:02p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 10.35p.m.

Dates for your diary

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

June

Sunday 25th June

Summer Fete 1p.m. – 4p.m.

July

Monday 3rd July

Hackney Music Festival Instrumental (school band and brass)

Tuesday 4th July

Hackney Music Dance (Year 3)

Wednesday 5th July

Hackney Music Festival Junior Singing

21st July

End of term: school closes at 1.30 p.m.

Useful contact details

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School website:

<http://www.simonmarks.hackney.sch.uk/>

New Jewish Studies Appointment

Following a thorough rigorous recruitment process, the Governors are delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Yolande Pieters as the permanent Assistant Head of Jewish studies starting in September 2017. Ms Pieters will join Simon Marks as an Assistant head teacher.

Ms Pieters already knows Simon Marks having provided some teaching training on the Jewish

curriculum; she is excited to join the school at a time when we are aiming for growth and development. We were impressed by the exceptional teaching of the weekly parashat Yolande taught to our year 5 children.

Yolande is at present Co Director of Education responsible for educational support and curriculum development at PAJES (Partnership for Jewish schools) and so her expertise in Jewish studies we know will greatly enhance our school curriculum.

We do hope you will in time give her a Simon Marks warm welcome. I look forward to inviting her in to meet you all.

Lisa Campbell

Interim Head Teacher

Howard Pallis

Chair of Governors

Recent acts of terrorism

Following the recent terrorist attacks we have thought carefully and considered off site educational visits; we have made a decision to put on hold all visits until the Autumn term. We have not taken lightly the decision to withdraw visits for children as we appreciated the value of them enhancing learning. However, the safety of our children is paramount and takes precedence.

If you have any concerns about your child's response to the recent terror attacks, please see your child's class teacher.

Tzedakah

Thank you for supporting the children in their charitable giving. We collect donations each Friday morning as part of Kabbalat Shabbat.

We are all deeply saddened by the recent fire at Grenfell Tower. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families that are affected by the tragedy

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As a school we will be making a contribution to this cause.

Reception induction 2017

Reception induction will take place on 6th July at 9.15am

Summer Fete Sunday 25th June



Message from The Friends of Simon Marks

Summer Fete on Sunday 25th June from 1pm – 4pm.

We would like to remind all parents and carers that tickets must be purchased in advance and are available from Diana or Shavit. On Friday after school we will be located next to the Challah Stall. Tickets are just £1 each with under 3's going free!

There will be an open meeting to discuss the Summer fair at 10am Monday 19th June at Kookies café near stoke Newington station. Everyone welcome.

Kippot

We would be grateful for donations of spare kippot if you have any at home to loan to children for a day who forget theirs. Thank you

Achievements

Rec:

Nathon: writing and illustrating a book about Emperor penguins.

Malaika: For using a number line to solve addition and subtraction sentences.

Year 1

Lori: For writing an engaging report about toys.

Paul: For putting great efforts during Math sessions.

Year 2

Denny: For his progress in subtraction.

Evie: For writing an outstanding introduction to her version of "The True Story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff".

Year 3:

Kyle: for working hard to improve his handwriting.

Zak: For confidently explaining how to work out a maths problem to another child.

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Year 4:

Oren – using powerful vocabulary to write an amazing adventure story

Emil – for giving his best effort in Maths: Time

Esther – for being consistently positive, helpful and friendly

Year 5:

Daniel - for learning how to ride a bike during his bikeability lessons.

Anastasia - for creating a beautiful banyan tree during our art lesson using markers and oil pastels.

Sianna - for making significant progress in maths this week for converting fractions, decimals and percentages.

Kitty - for creating a very good story map of our newspaper report model.

Year 6

Alberto: For making fantastic progress with his punctuation in his writing.

Blessing: For writing an amazing emotive narrative in literacy