

NEWSNOTES

Friday 7th October 2016 5 Tishrei 5777 Parashat Vayelech

Shabbat begins tonight at 6.06pm and ends tomorrow evening at 7.12pm

Dates for your diary

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

Tuesday 11th October

Erev (Eve) of Yom Kippur – School finishes at 1.30pm

Wednesday 12th October

Yom Kippur – School closed

Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th October

Sukkot – School closed

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th October

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah – school closed

Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th October

Half Term – School closed

Wednesday 9th November

Year 6 assembly 9.10 (parents invited)

14th – 18th November

Anti-bullying and Arts week

Wednesday 16th November

Year 3 assembly 9.10 (parents invited)

Wednesday 23rd November

Year 2 assembly 9.10 (parents invited)

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents,

This has been a short but hectic week but we continue to focus on children's learning and respect for each other.

Years 3 & 4 walked to the River Lea to perform the Mitzvah of Tashlich. Each child had the opportunity to cast away their bad choices into running water.

Debra Crouch

This week at Simon Marks

Early Years performed the Mitzvah of Tashlich



Thought for the Week

In the last parasha Moses knew that he would not be going to the land of milk and honey, however, in Parashat Vayelech he never stopped hoping that Hashem (G-d) would answer his prayers and allows him to enter the Holy Land.

Moses wanted to bid farewell to Bnai Yisrael. The blowing of the trumpets usually announced that Bnai Yisrael were to assemble and that was the last time the trumpets were used.

Thought for the day: Saying Sorry.
We are not forgiven by G-d on Yom Kippur for what we have done wrong to others until we have said sorry ourselves.

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Parent Governor Elections

A reminder that voting closes at 4p.m. on Monday 10th October. Please bring your voting papers to the office where there is a ballot box.

School uniform

We have noticed that although most children consistently wear school uniform some children have started to wear trainers to school and coloured items of clothing, especially PE kit. Please ensure that children wear a school uniform at all times and that long hair is tied back (this will help us to control head lice spreading)

Before school

Please could parents aim to arrive at school before 8.55 so that children can go into class together. Gates to the playground will be closed at 9.00 and children arriving late will be taken to class by staff members.

Please do not allow children to use the play equipment (including balls and climbing frames) before and after school as we are not in the playground to supervise at these times, but could be held accountable for any accidents.

Birthdays

Could we please request that birthday party invitations are handed out outside of school hours, unless they are for the whole class in which case they can be given to the class teacher who will give them out at the end of the day. This will help children settle into their learning at the beginning of the day and avoid children feeling left out if they are not invited. Please also be mindful that Saturday (Shabbat) is our day of rest and the seventh day of the week which many spend with

family and/or in contemplation of the spiritual aspects of life.

Achievements

This week's recipients of our achievement awards are:-

REC: Esther R - Writing simple words unaided

Ausaris L - Settling in really well and being very polite

YEAR 1:

Ivana L – Fantastic effort in her maths work

Daniela P – Fantastic 'green' behaviour

YEAR 2:

Joel K W – Writing a super story using adjectives

Samuel G M – Writing a super story using adjectives

YEAR 3:

Leticia M L V – Outstanding work in literacy – fabulous story writing

Ana-Lucia – Settling in really well into her new class

YEAR 4:

Crispin D – Giving his best efforts in all subjects

Huda Noor – Excellent 'green' behaviour and giving her best in maths

YEAR 5:

Abie G – Improved writing and using a cursive script

Carmen N-F – Having a positive attitude even when not well!

YEAR 6:

Ella Mc L – For improving her writing

Isaac G – Having a positive enthusiastic attitude toward all school life

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This week we have asked Mr Kelly to choose the best piece of work in Year 2 and he has selected a piece of writing by Sara Gomez. Year 2 have been reading 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and were asked to describe the boy and the penguin, using compound sentences and opposite adjectives. Sara is developing her cursive handwriting and here is her work:-

The boy felt delighted, but
the penguin was feeling sad. ✓
The boy was feeling overjoyed,
But the penguin felt blue. ✓
The boy was feeling excited
But the penguin felt sorrowful. ✓
The boy was feeling very
happy. But the penguin felt
gloomy. ✓ The boy was feeling
thrilled, But the penguin felt
forlorn. ✓