

# NEWSNOTES



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 24 Ellul 5777

Shabbat begins tonight at ...7.01p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 8p.m.

## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back after the summer break! Pupils have now settled back into their new classes and there is a lovely buzz of excitement around the school. All pupils have been working on their class welcome walls and writing down their aspirations for the year.

Classes have also been establishing their 'rights and responsibilities'. Every right leads to a responsibility, e.g. 'I have the right to be listened to- I have a responsibility to listen to others'.

This week we held our 'meet the teacher' event. This was very successful and I would like to say a huge thank you for everyone who read the children's invitations and joined them in their classrooms. If anyone missed the session please look out for your child's class curriculum newsletter which will be available on our website shortly.

Have a restful weekend.

Ms Metin  
Headteacher

## Rabbi Mason visits Simon Marks

Our schools Rabbi Mason joined us for assembly today. He demonstrated how to blow the Shofar and shared a beautiful thought about how we need to look at our individual actions and our strengths as a group.



Our children had lots of questions and were keen to have a go.

## Jewish Studies Update

We started the year by preparing for the Jewish new year, Rosh Hashanah. In assembly we spoke about our value for the month of Ellul, which is Teshuva (Return). We are returning to school, returning to G-d and returning to our best selves. We listened to the sound of the shofar calling us to return and learnt to sing Avinu Malkeinu which made us feel 'peaceful', 'a bit sad' and 'calm'.

Our first Shabbat hosts were Talya Jose and Shiloh Jones and today's hosts were Samuel Antunes and Richard Florea. They led Kabbalat Shabbat with confidence and poise.

Please have a look at the PJ Libraries website <https://pjlibrary.org.uk/home>. This is an initiative to provide Jewish themed books and parents are able to sign up and receive beautiful books.

Next week in Jewish studies in Years 4-6 we will be starting work on our Israel 70 Projects. Israel will be turning 70 this year and PaJeS is supporting a project in partnership with a number of museums in Israel and UK Jewish schools where children explore and study various fascinating objects and works of art and design and create an artistic response to it.