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Headteacher's message:

I can't believe we have come to the end of the year! On a personal note it has been an absolute delight getting to know you all and getting to know all of the children. It is a happy and a sad time as we say goodbye to our year 6 class as they move onto secondary school. Our Oscars leaving assembly was fantastic. We wish them all the best in their new secondary schools and will always want to see them as they grow older. They are always welcome to visit us! They have made us all very proud. Pupils met their new teachers this week and there was a lot of excitement across the school. Year 4 had their 'Ivrit' picnic, they made the most of the weather. They spoke Ivrit only and it was a real pleasure to see how much their language has developed over the year and seeing language used in context always makes it that much more exciting. Well done children and well done to Ms David and Ms Cohen for their hard work in getting us there!



We will be further developing our language skills next year with lots of extra exciting activities!

We have recently had a lot of media coverage in the Jewish Chronicle and Jewish News. The Head of OFSTED Amanda Speilman has made a number of references to Simon Marks in a very positive way. Please take the opportunity to read up on this.

Our Stay and Play morning is becoming increasingly popular, word has got out. Our recent parent tours include a number of families from Israel, Europe and the United States of America. It is going to be lovely to welcome new families into our school community.

Today we also say our goodbyes (for now) to Ms Jem, Ms Pieters, Ms Pinchover and Ms Nagle. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and hope to see them when they visit us.

Upcoming events:

Friday 20th July- End of term- 1.30 finish.

School re-opens **5th of September** for all pupils.

6th of September at 3.45- Meet the teacher- please come along and meet your child's new teacher and hear about the work they will be covering.

School closed on the 10th and 11th of September for Rosh Hashanah.

I wish you all a restful and peaceful summer break.

Ms G Metin- Headteacher

Friends of Simon Marks - end of year message

Summer holidays are here and we want to say thanks so much for your support this past term.

Our Summer Fayre featured so many of your unique talents and generous help and we couldn't have done it without you. A huge thanks to you all for your energy and enthusiasm.

Our two fundraising activities this term - the fayre and selling food at Simon Marks Got Talent, together raised nearly £1000 and we will be using some of the money to help the school council with sporting equipment storage in the cage.

We've also needed to buy a new shed for our FOSM kit including the bouncy castle.

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The rest we will save and can give to the school according to needs identified in the new school year.

We are busy planning events for the 2018/19 school year and will be in touch early on with dates for your diary. We will also share some fundraising goals and ask for your feedback.

Please share your ideas and feedback anytime via the email address below.
Have a great summer!

Friends of Simon Marks
FOSMideas@gmail.com

Message from Ms Pieters:

Our final message from the weekly Torah portion of Devarim is very apt: Moshe is speaking to the people as they are about to enter the promised land without him as their leader. Moshe was chosen as leader because he deeply cared about all the people and we call him Moshe Rabbeinu, Moshe our teacher. In the same way, all our teachers and staff choose and do their jobs because they deeply care about all pupils. I wish all families a restorative break and a wonderful new year ahead. I will miss everyone very much!

Lisa Neidich Ethos Award

This award is for someone who embodies the ethos of the school – a pupil who is always helpful, kind, polite and who always gives their full effort and loves learning. This year the award was presented to **Joshua Kaye-Williams**. Mazal tov, Joshua, this is very much deserved!

Maurice Garfield Jewish Studies Award

This award is for someone who has consistently shown excellence both in their effort and achievement in Jewish Studies. Also in their behaviour they have always shown kindness and maturity.

This year the award was presented to **Maytal Ahronee**. Mazal tov, Maytal, you are a true role model.



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