

NEWSNOTES



Friday 14th September 2018 5 Tishrei 5779

Shabbat begins tonight at 7:03 p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 8:03 p.m.

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,
I'd like to wish you all a warm welcome back to school. Pupils are now settled into their new classrooms and working well with their new teachers and support staff. It is lovely to have them all back!

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our 'Meet the teacher afternoon', I hope you found out all about the learning taking place this year.

A huge thank you to Mr Jacobs who set up our apple and honey table for Rosh Hashanah, we had very little time to prepare this year!



G'mar V'chatimah Tovah!

Upcoming events:

Each class will have a short class assembly this term- dates are as follows:

Year 6- 11th Oct

Year 5- 22nd Nov

Year 4/3-6th Dec

Year 2/1-20th Dec

Please join us if you can.

Tuesday 18th September- school closes at 1.30pm for Yom Kippur.

School closed Wednesday 19th of September for Yom Kippur.

School closed 24th and 25th of September- Succot.

School closed 1st and 2nd October for Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

Thursday 11th October- Art day-3.45pm children's work on display in dining room.

Week Beginning 22nd of October – half term.

Ms Metin- Headteacher

Message from our Jewish Studies department:

Last week we started what is probably the busiest time in the Jewish calendar. We celebrated Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year, we are now in the midst of the 10 Days of Repentance, Yom Kippur is just around the corner and this is followed soon after by the Chaggim of Succot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

It is no coincidence that the most solemn day of the Jewish year, Yom Kippur, is followed very quickly by Succot, which our Rabbis of old teach us, is the most joyous festival of the year. But why such a big and quick mood change?

The answer lies in the very nature of the High Holy days when we ask G-d to forgive our misdemeanours and prepare for us a year of happiness, good health, success and prosperity. Succot then comes along and teaches us about being positive.

The festival of Succot enables us to be secure in the knowledge that we were sincere in our prayers to G-d. We were sincere when we said sorry to a fellow human being to whom we may have done wrong and we rejoice at the new beginning, the fresh start that has been presented to us. There is in fact no better way to start anew, than with the wonderful laws and customs of the festival of Succot. The Succah, the Arbah Minim (the 4 species), the Ushpizin (special spiritual guests who visit our Succah each day), dancing with the Torah scrolls on Simchat Torah and praying for rain in the Land of Israel.

As we approach Yom Kippur and all its age-old laws and traditions, starting with the solemn and well-known 'Kol Nidrei prayer', let us all pray for a blessed year ahead, positive in our outlook and with the feeling that every small act of goodness and kindness goes a long way to make this world a better, happier place. G'mar v'Chatima Tovah!

Rabbi Goldmeier and Mr Jacobs