## NEWSNOTES



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 7 Nissan 5779

Shabbat begins tonight at 7.38 p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 8.43 p.m.

## Headteacher's message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very exciting and busy term. This week we saw our Pesach celebrations. In Early years and KS1 we held a family Seder and each pupil was able to have a family member join them through the celebration.



Key stage 2 Seder was led by yr 6 pupils as is the Simon Marks Tradition, everyone had a part and it was a wonderful experience.



Last week we invited mums and significant females into school. They had a go at all our activities!



When we return we are back to a 3.30pm finish on Fridays. Next half term is a very short one with only 4 weeks!

## Lates and absences:

School aged children need to be in school every school day and arrive on time. School starts at 8.55am- please ensure your child is at school and on time. We recognise that from time to time there may be some difficulties in the mornings but this should not be regular occurrence. You will receive a letter in the first instance as a gentle reminder. If lates and absences are persistent you are at risk of a fixed penalty notice issued by Hackney Learning Trust. Please work with us on this.

Comic relief- We managed to raise £220 for comic relief. Thank you all for taking part and your donations to this cause.

Have a well-deserved end of term rest. Children return to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of April.

Ms Metin- Headteacher

## Message from our Jewish Studies Department:

Over the course of the term we have had the opportunity to celebrate a number of key Chaggim (festivals) in the Jewish calendar. On Tu B'Shevat (The new year for trees) we celebrated the importance of trees in our lives and even investigated plant growth with our Bean growing competition.

Purim was lively and enjoyable and the whole school community had the opportunity to take part in the evening Megillah reading at school, dressing up and the amazing staff shpeil which was enjoyed by all. The children's Pesach learning was outstanding and they were clearly able to show a deeper understanding in the way they conducted their Model Seder. The children have clearly come away with life-long memories and the ability to lead their own home Sedarim. Kol Hakavod to all the children.

We are looking forward to our summer term when we will be celebrating Israel's Independence Day, Lag B'Omer and Shavuot and continuing with our Jewish Studies and Ivrit. We wish all our families a Chag Kasher V'sameach and a happy Easter.