

# NEWSNOTES

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## Headteacher's message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for the numerous emails and attachments last week, sometimes we have too much to share! I hope you found the RSE information helpful and many thanks to those of you who responded. Last week Reception class visited London City farm:



They had many opportunities to learn about animals on the farm and could get up close!



Yesterday was Israel's Independence day and 71<sup>st</sup> birthday. In our Ivrit lessons we spent time learning language alongside Israeli line dancing; this helped with our coordination and sequencing skills as well as developing our language skills. We finished the day with some birthday cake. Thank you to Ms

Angela in the kitchen who made a huge cake for the whole school. Ms David and Ms Cohen also had a very busy day teaching dancing and ensuring the cake had the correct decoration!



As you are aware our Challah sales are really taking off again. The sales team request that if possible you bring your own bags, we are trying to do our bit for the climate and reusable bags make a small difference. Let's do our bit!

Reminder- we have our small memorial service for our much loved parent and community member next Friday morning at 9.15am and everyone is welcome.

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Last week school council members helped us with recruiting a school gardener. We are pleased to announce that Mr William Hall will be joining our team next week. He will further cultivate our green spaces and work with pupils in digging, planting and maintaining our small garden spaces around the school.

Next week is the start of year 6 SATs, although we try to keep this as low key as possible it is still a stressful time for some pupils. They have made a short 'You tube clip' for everyone to enjoy, you can watch it by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBYArM0ca24>

Let's give them lots of encouragement and praise. Good luck year 6!

Ms Metin- Headteacher

## Message from our Jewish Studies Department:

Shabbat Shalom, we would like to welcome everyone back after the Spring holidays. It is already another busy time for us at Simon Marks. We would like to thank everyone for marking Yom Ha'atzmaut such a joyous occasion. It was great to see everyone dressed in blue and white and dancing to celebrate the 71st birthday of the modern state of Israel.

We are now well into the counting of the Omer, taking us from Pesach through to Shavuot, the time when the Jewish people received the Torah (the Ten Commandments).

Jewish study lessons have continued to be filled with learning about the upcoming festivals (chaggim) as well as studying key topics for each year group. The classes have been learning about the Parshah, Brachot, Chumash and Tefillah.

Mr Jacobs & Rabbi Goldmeier

## **FREE STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS**

**Simon Marks Jewish Primary School runs free 'stay and play' sessions for 2 year olds. These will be held every Friday between 9.00am and 11.00am. This provision is free. This is a great opportunity for young children and parents to get together and use our Early Year's facilities and getting young children ready for school.**

**If you are interested in joining us for any of these events then please contact the school office on: 02088066048 or alternatively you can email us at [info@simonmarks.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:info@simonmarks.hackney.sch.uk)**

**We look forward to welcoming you to Simon Marks.**

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