

NEWSLETTER



Friday 8th November 2019 10 Cheshvan 5780

Shabbat begins tonight at 4.07p.m. and ends tomorrow evening at 5.10p.m.

Headteacher's message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start this newsletter with a **HUGE** thank you to Friends of Simon Marks. They have raised and donated £400 towards the purchase of our Archery set and other sports resources. The children are really going to enjoy using all of these and further developing their skills.

We have noticed that our children have lots of amazing and creative skills when it comes to art and design activities, however a significant number of our children are struggling with colouring in and keeping within the lines when doing this. We will start to offer more 'doodling and colouring in' activities during wet play sessions, these are of course optional and our children can select from the activities on offer. It would be great if there were some home opportunities to support our drive in developing these skills.

Next week we have our school book fair in so please pop in and have a look at the selection of books on offer.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- 11th November- Book Fair begins
- 15th November- **Mitzvah day- everyone help!**
- 27th November- Science day
- 28th November- Bring a dad/significant male into school day
- 5th December- **Parents Evening**
- 12th December- Chanukah assembly- 2.00pm - 3.30pm
- 19th December- end of term-1.30 finish**

Ms Metin- Headteacher

Message from our Jewish Studies Department:

The children have been working hard this week learning about Blessings, Tefillot, Parashah, Chumash and ahead to Chanukah. They have also been writing down their hopes and

ambitions for our Tree of Life in the foyer (see photo below). I would like to take the time to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have signed up to help on Mitzvah Day (Fri 15th Nov) and who have donated cleaning supplies for the event. There is still time to sign up and more cleaning supplies are still needed; scrubbing brushes in particular.

We are pleased to link with the charity 'PJ library' who supplies books every month for free to children all over the world. To sign up for free books, please visit: pjlibrary.org.uk/friends

It is also the time of year that we look ahead to Chanukah and the festive season. As part of our festivities, we are delighted to be teaming up with the charity 'Camp Simcha'. 'Camp Simcha' collects and distributes toys to children who are seriously ill in hospital. From Monday we will have a donation box in the foyer for new toys and games (no soft toys please). All donations must be given by the 22nd of November, so they can be wrapped and distributed in time for Chanukah.

We wish all our families a Shabbat shalom and a nice weekend.

