

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ◆ 28th September Yom Kippur— school is closed
- ◆ 2nd October— Sukkot School closes at 1.30
- ◆ 9th October - Simchat Torah school closes at 1.30
- ◆ 20th October Flu nasal program
- ◆ 26th-30th October— half term

Parents evening is on the 3rd of December (format of this will be confirmed nearer the time).



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25th September 2020 7 Tishrei 5781 Shabbat starts tonight: 18:38 and ends: 19:37 tomorrow

Shabbat time:

We are Covid Free!

We have been very busy in school. Lots of 'gentle' assessments have been taking place across the school in order for teachers to work out the impact of the lockdown. Gaps have been identified and planning has been adapted to ensure we cover gaps in learning and get our pupils back on track as soon as we can.

As we are not allowing many visitors into school, we have been looking at booking workshops for pupils through remote learning. This week years 2, 5 and 6 had a remote visit from the fire brigade and were learning all about keeping safe



from fire hazards. The fire brigade have given us a follow up email to parents 'If you would like to add the Home Fire Safety Visit link to your website or newsletter then this can be found here: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/book-a-home-fire-safety-visit/> This service is booked by the parents/carers to their home and will be carried out either by Firefighters from the closest local fire station or by Community Safety Officers from London Fire Brigade.

A huge 'thank you' to all of you who managed to join our teachers for our 'meet the teacher session' on Wednesday afterschool. It was a great opportunity for teachers and yourselves to talk through the curriculum on offer this half term and answer any questions you may have had. We plan to have more sessions like these especially as it is very difficult to talk either before or after-school now due to social distancing rules.

In Early years, the children have been busy making fresh Challah every week. Ms Semha has been teaching them about all the ingredients needed and how to mix the dough. This activity also supports the development of fine motor skills.



Jewish Studies team

This week the children have been learning about the festival of Yom Kippur and understanding its importance. The children's learning has included Jonah and the big fish, Tashlich, the importance of Kol Nidre as well as the importance of saying sorry to friends and family and of course to G-d.



We will soon be focusing on the next festival, Sukkot. We hope to have a visit from Tribe and we will be putting up our own fabulous sukkah. We would love to have any decorations that your children would like to make to hang inside. This can be pictures of fruit, welcome signs, or even leaves.



Shana Tova, happy new year from the JS Team.