

DATES FOR
YOUR DIARY

- ◆ 28th and 29th September– school closed
- ◆ Friday 8th October– Bring a dad/ significant male into school day (providing they wear face masks!)
- ◆ 13th October year 5 and 6 class assembly, format tbc
- ◆ 20th October year 3 and 4 class assembly, format tbc
- ◆ 20th October– Art day exhibition, format tbc



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18 Tishrei 5782

Shabbat time:

Welcome back everyone!

A big welcome back to you all, with all the shorter weeks and holy days it is only now that we are able to send out our newsletter. Most of our children are still struggling with transition and settling down. This usually takes a few weeks at the start of the school year but this year it may take a little longer. We have noticed some anxiety in a large number of children and are looking at different ways to overcome this.

However life in school remains very busy and for the most a happy time. You may have seen our Sukkah up in the playground and we have had lots of visitors in for a quick snack and to find out more about Sukkot.



Thank you to parents who also joined us last week!

In early years, the children were making painted decorations. These were later put up inside our Sukkah.



Year 3 and 4 were brave enough to venture out into London and visit the Jewish museum. This was the first school trip in over two years and we were apprehensive about using public transport. However we put our face masks on and went on a bus! Lots of new learning took place and happy pupils returned to school.



Ms Metin– Headteacher

Chag sameach to all. We are now reaching the end of the holiday season. The children have all been visiting our sukkah, enjoying lessons, shaking the *arba minim* (the four species) and coming together. We now look ahead to Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. These two festivals are celebrated on the same day in Israel but in the rest of the world are celebrated separately. Shemini Atzeret is in part like the 8th day of Sukkot, but it is also a culmination of the holiday period and builds up to Simchat Torah the finishing and restarting of the Torah. The pupils will be looking in depth at the Torah scroll, how it is written and why it is so important to the Jewish people.

All of these festivals, throughout the month of Tishrei, are opportunities to connect, to be inspired, and to become more fulfilled and in tune with our true inner selves. Tishrei is considered the "head" of the year, and the well from which we draw our strength and inspiration throughout the year ahead.

Shabbat Shalom from the Jewish Studies team.

