

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**simon marks**  
jewish primary school

תורה עם דרך-אור

11th February 2022

10 Adar I 5782

Parasha: Tetzaveh

- ◆ 11th February– we break up for half term
- ◆ 10th March– Science day (format tbc)
- ◆ 17th March– Purim Palava 9.20am
- ◆ 17th March– World book day/ pupils dress up
- ◆ 17th March– 1.30 finish (Purim)
- ◆ 22nd/23rd of March– Parents into lunch days (restrictions permitting!)

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### Shabbat time:

## This issue: Purim is fast approaching!

With restrictions getting fewer as time passes, the staff at Simon Marks have taken the plunge and yes, we are rehearsing for our Purim Palaver

### 'Ahashverosh and the chocolate Hamantashen factory'

You will remember that we took the whole school over to the Rio cinema to watch Charlie and the chocolate factory. This was in preparation for the fun to follow.

On this occasion we will be raising funds towards a new school stage.

As you are aware our children are very enthusiastic about performing. All our shows are a testament to this and at present we have a very old and part broken stage to perform on. We would like to add components to our existing stage and replace very old and broken bits.

Once we have a new stage in place then our pupils will feel like Superstars! For this to happen we need to raise **£2000** as a starting point.

Our flyer is attached with more details. We will also start a crowd fundraising page hoping that ex Simon Marks families and friends will also donate to our cause.

We know that our acting and performing is nowhere near as good as the pupils but it's all for the children!

Ms Metin– Headteacher

### *A message from the Jewish Studies team*

This week, the pupils have been learning about the importance of asking for help and advice.

The Torah portion this week is Tetzaveh. It teaches us about the Kohanim, the special Jewish priests. They had the important job of conducting services in the Mishkan/ Tabernacle, and guiding the people to become the best they could be. The high priest, the Kohen Gadol, wore an especially beautiful uniform that was made up of holy and meaningful objects that helped him to lead the people in the right way. One of these was a special breastplate that he wore suspended on gold chains from his neck. It was made up of precious jewels with letters engraved on them. When the nation had an important decision to make they didn't just decide on their own. They came to the Kohen Gadol and asked for advice. G-d caused the letters on the chest-plate to light up and spell out the an-

swer. They would follow this advice and always succeed. From here we learn the value of asking for advice from someone with more experience to help us know what to do.

Shabbat UK have now confirmed that they will be visiting our school on the 1st March to record the pupils performing D'ror Yikra ( a popular song sung on Shabbat). Please visit [D'ror Yikra - ShabbatUK](http://DrorYikra-ShabbatUK) for more information and a copy of the song. Any practicing of the song and the cups would be much appreciated.



Shabbat Shalom and happy holiday from the Jewish Studies team.