

**DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY**

- **Friday 29th September– 1.30 close for Sukkot.**
- **Friday 6th October– school closes at 1.30pm– Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah**
- **13th October– Art day Exhibition (details to follow)**
- **23rd– 27th– School closed for half term**
- **17th November– Whole School visit to Walford**



29th September 2023

14th Tishrei 5784

Shabbat / Sukkot time: Starts Friday at 6.25pm and ends Sunday at 7.28pm

Where is the time going! We have been so busy in school. Last week was democracy day and we now have a newly elected school council. We have a growing list of responsibilities coming up across the school so there will be many opportunities for pupils to be part of something..



On Friday the whole school went to the Rio Cinema to watch 'The Lion King'. Our children were prepped about lions roaring and the evil looking hyenas– we all laughed when they came up! Pupils had a lot of positive things to say ' I laughed at those hyenas the most,' (Daniel– year 3).



This Friday night and Saturday begins the joyous festival of Succot and it lasts for 7 days. Succot is a harvest festival and on Succot, many Jewish people eat their meals inside a special hut called a Succah. The Succah is very unusual because it doesn't have a regular ceiling.

Special Edition Sukkot



It has 'Sechach'. Sechach is made of wood or bamboo and leaves and we decorate the Succah so it looks really amazing. Over the festival of Succot we also take 4 different types of plant (Lulav—Palm branch, Etrog—Citron,, Haddasim—Myrtle and Aravot– Willows) and hold them together, waving them in every direction., showing that G-d is everywhere.



The only day on which the Arbah Minim are not taken is Shabbat. So, the first time we shake them this year is on Sunday. Succot is also known as the Festival of Rejoicing and it is a time to be especially happy and grateful for all the goodness that G-d has given us.

Over the coming week, all the children will have a chance to go in to our school Succah and have a turn shaking the Arbah Minim, the 4 types of plant.



We also have a tradition on this special festival, to invite as many guests as we can in to our Succah., so that everyone feels welcome and a part of this wonderful festival.



We wish all our families a Chag Sameach, and a Shabbat shalom.

