

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Week beginning 18th of March– The GREAT HAMANTASHEN bake off sales start!**
- **22nd March– Purim/World book month dress up day**
- **29th March– Good Friday– school closed**
- **1st April– Easter Monday–school closed**



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15th March 2024

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Parasha: Pekudei

Shabbat time: Starts Friday at 17.50 and ends Saturday at 18.53

Last week we welcomed Ivor Baddiel into school. Ivor is a well known Jewish author. He spent the morning with children inspiring them to be creative and do lots of fun writing.



Bens' Bonkers Bar Mitzvah was one of the books pupils were able to explore with Ivor.



Ivor was very impressed with Simon Marks pupils and can't wait to be invited into school again.

Our female footballers were out at an all female football tournament.



Matches were won and matches were lost. Overall it was a fantastic opportunity for our children to participate in this tournament.



The next festival which is fast approaching is Purim (Sunday 24th March). Purim is such a special time, because Jewish people are actually told to be happy at this time of year. It is not always easy to be happy, just because you are told to do so. But, the festival of Purim is full of enjoyable laws and customs which can help us feel happy. Listening to the story of Purim, giving charity to those who are in need of some support, giving gifts of food and drink to our friends, eating Hamantaschen and dressing up are all the types of things that help us to feel happy. The children have been learning about these laws and customs and focusing on the personalities of each Megillah character. .

To celebrate Purim, we are having our Hamantaschen bake off. You will be able to buy the biscuits at the end of the school day. Please see posters for details.



Wishing everyone a Chag Purim Sameach– a very happy Purim.

Ms Metin and the Simon Marks Team