

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 15th April @ 2.15-3.30**  
-Lower school  
Pesach assembly
- **Tuesday 16th April @ 1.45-3.30**  
-Upper school  
Pesach assembly
- **Wednesday 17th April-End of term 1.30 finish**
- **1st May- school re-opens normal time**
- **6th May- Bank Holiday- school closed**

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תורה עם דרך-ארוץ

12th April 2024

4 Nissan 5784

Parasha: Tazria

**Shabbat time: Starts Friday at 19.38 and ends Saturday at 20.43**

## **Pesach / Edition**

Over the past few weeks the children have been learning about and preparing for the festival of Pesach.

The 4 cups of grape juice, the 3 Matzot, the 4 questions and the 10 Plagues are just some of the many parts of the Pesach story and customs/laws the children have been learning.



In addition, the children have been learning the words of a variety of songs, in preparation for the Seder. Not only have they been fine-tuning their singing skills, but the children have also been understanding the meaning of many of the songs.

One of the aspects of Pesach learnt by Years 5 and 6, is the difference between Pesach Mitzrayim and Pesach Hadorot (Pesach in Egypt and Pesach of the future generations).



The reason Jewish people eat Matzah on Pesach is to remember that the Jewish people had to leave Egypt in a hurry and there was no time for their dough to rise in to bread.



However, the Jewish people were told to eat Matzah even before they left Egypt. What was the purpose of doing this?



The reason why the Jewish people ate Matzah whilst still in Egypt, was because G-d wanted them to remember the importance of being modest and humble. Never to show off. By eating the Matzah, G-d was telling the Jewish people not to let their egos rise like bread, but to remain humble like unrisen matzah. We should all go in to the holiday of Pesach with joy and excitement, but always remember that there are people less fortunate and they will need us to reach out a hand to help them.

Wishing all our families a Chag Kasher V'Sameach—a happy Passover.



**Ms Metin and the Simon Marks Team**