



# Clore Columns

Dear Parents,

After all the excitement of Purim it's been wonderful to have a quiet week to settle down and get some serious work done! Lovely to see parents at Parents Evening – we look forward to the second evening next week. Shabbat Shalom, have a good weekend.

## **A big, big thank you:**

Thank you to all the parents who gave up their Sunday to help lay turf in our fantastic new forest school area. We really appreciate your time and your hard work to make our play space truly exceptional for all our children. Hopefully this area will be open and ready for playing after Pesach.

## **An evening with Ashley Blaker & Rob Rinder**

A big thank you to everyone who attended our event on Tuesday night, we hope you all had a wonderful time and thank you for supporting our lovely school, Thanks to the PTA for this brilliant event! An incredible £2,417 was raised.

## **OPAL update:**

We are now looking into the summer term and preparing for Autumn 2025. We are looking for donations of the following:

Wellies (the aim is to build up a school collection of different sizes)

Sand toys – eg buckets and spades

Pots and pans for the mud pit.

Scooters (our wheeled area is awaiting risk assessment and will not be active immediately)

We are also looking for any construction loose parts like tubing, pallets, spindles from wires etc. We would also like old kitchen units to make a mud kitchen. If you know anyone who is having construction work, please ask them if there are any unwanted materials.

We are also looking for a large piece of artificial grass size 12m x 4.10m. We know that this is expensive, and we are able to pay cost price if anyone knows someone who would be willing to supply this to us.

Thank you so much

## **Children who have been to see me with good work this week:**

Ella C, Mia R, Henry, Max, Oscar, Max (year 4) Annabelle W, Tilly, Ben, Sophie G, Ruby, Amelia (Year 4), Phoebe (Year 4), Thursday, Bella F, Noah

## **If you would like to see what we've been discussing in assembly, please click here**

## **Upcoming dates for your diary:**

Wednesday 26th March: Parents Evening

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April: Seder (every parent should now know when their child's Seder is, please contact admin)

Thursday 10th April: End of term and enrichment day (half day)

Friday 21st March, Friday 4th April: Parents Kabbalat Shabbat

## **Upcoming Parent Event: Childhood Unplugged: The Power of Play, Presence and Community**

We are working closely with the national [Smartphone Free Childhood Campaign](#) to help implement Clore Shalom's own Smartphone Free Policy in September. Being Smartphone Free includes a child's access to social media and messaging platforms via any other means (E.g. Ipad, Amazon Fire, etc). I'm currently working with a small committee of parents to roll this out, starting with some events tying in with Internet Safety Week in April. If you would like to be involved and to join the committee, please contact Juliet Hecht at [Julietblank@hotmail.com](mailto:Julietblank@hotmail.com). We have invited Eliza Krigman to come in for what should be a fascinating parent workshop during Internet Safety Week taking place at school on Tuesday April 29th at 730pm. Eliza is a parent herself and is an active campaigner for the Smartphone Free Childhood Campaign, going into schools to help empower other parents to form healthier digital habits – for you and your children. We'd love as many parents to come along to chat about this important topic. Do email the office if you can attend.

## **Our Whatsapp announcement class groups - please join if you haven't already:**

Year 6: [Click here](#)

Year 5: [Click here](#)

Year 4: [Click here](#)

Year 3: [Click here](#)

Year 2: [Click here](#)

Year 1: [Click here](#)

Reception: [Click here](#)

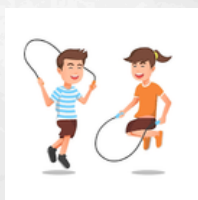
## Summer Birthday Kabbalat Shabbat

Advanced warning that if your child's birthday is during the summer holidays up to the 15th August, we will have their birthday Kabbalat Shabbat on July 11th  
If their birthday is after the 15th August, their Kabbalat Shabbat will be the 12th September

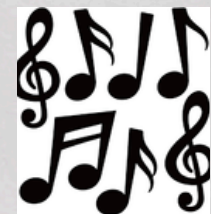
## Certificates in Kabbalat Shabbat

Thank you to all parents who kindly sponsor Kabbalat Shabbat for their child's birthday. Please note that when the money is donated via Arbor, we do not receive a notification and so parents will need to email admin to let us know that the donation has been made so we can prepare a certificate.

## SAVE THE DATE!!!



On Sunday 8th June between 1 and 4 we are opening up our grounds for all our families for an OPAL STAY AND PLAY. Come with the whole family and enjoy our fantastic new play opportunities. Please note that families will need to supervise their own children on that afternoon.



# BOOK CLUB

Spring 2

## The Café at the Edge of the Woods by Mikey Please

Rene has saved her whole life to start her own café. But what happens when the local ogres don't want to eat her lovely food? Join Rene and her assistant Glumfoot as they try to make food disgusting enough for the ogres to eat!



## Knight St Louis and the Dreadful Damsel by The Brothers McLeod

Knight St Louis is a champion knight with a big problem – there's a dreadful robotic monster terrorizing his kingdom and he and his friends need to save the day! Join Louis and his crazy kingdom in a frantic and funny adventure to save the King.



## Hardit Singh Malik: World War One Flying Ace by Bali Rai

History is full of unsung heroes and Hardit Singh Malik was the first ever Indian who was allowed to enter the RAF and fight on the side of Britain in World War One. Hear not only about his bravery but also about his struggle to be accepted as an equal in the days of the early twentieth century. If you love non-fiction this is for you!



## Book Reviews

- Jemma - Cobweb By Michael Morpurgo
- Toby - The Big book of the blue
- Arabelle - No more cuddles by Jane Chapman
- Hallie - Diary of a wimpy kid by Jeff Kinney
- Izzy - Mr stink By David Walliams
- Thursday - Meteorite spoon by Philip Ridley

## celebration

TEA

### Congratulations to:

- Arthur
- Sienna
- Corey
- Jackson
- Lexie
- Leo

# UNDERSTANDING MY AUTISM/ADHD

## Empowerment Course for Children and Young Teens in Hertfordshire



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Integrated Care Board

SCAN ME



Join us for an online transformative 6-week group course designed to empower children and young teens with a diagnosis of ADHD or Autism. Through interactive sessions, participants will explore what being Autistic or ADHD means to them, identify strategies to support their well-being, articulate their needs, and celebrate their uniqueness.



### COURSE DETAILS

**AUTISM SECONDARY** Tues 22/04 - 03/06 (Ages 11-13)

**AUTISM PRIMARY** Wed 23/04 - 04/06 (Years 3-6)

**ADHD PRIMARY** Thu 24/04 - 05/06 (Years 3-6)



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