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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a wonderful Pesach break. We have an exciting term ahead of us with a lot of new opportunities for learning and for our school environment.

I would like to sincerely thank the PTA for their generosity in funding two big new projects taking place at the moment. The air conditioning in the Year 5 classroom has now been replaced. This was a complex and expensive project that we could not have attempted without funding from the PTA and I am incredibly grateful. This will make a big difference to the children in Year 5 this summer and make learning more comfortable for everyone. I think I may move a desk in there myself when it gets too hot! Secondly, our library is being extended and re-furnished, with the existing units moved to the old Year 1 classroom, and new units being fitted. This will also add greatly to the resources we can offer children, and has been funded by the PTA. Their hard work in raising this money, and you as the school community for participating in their events has made a huge difference – thank you all so much.

If you would like to see what we talked about in assembly this week, please click [here](#):

Children who have been to see me with excellent work: Reece, Cole, Indy, Raphi W, Jayden B, Jaxon, Camden, Mia, Caitlin, Toby, Ava, Rocco, Jake.

## Important Announcement for September

I am giving parents advance notice that from September, the timings of the end of the school day will change. **Reception – Year 3 will finish at 3.15, and Year 4-6 will finish at 3.30.** Sibling club will continue to run, and after school activities will end at the usual times.

## Parking

We have received complaints from the offices opposite the school about parking from parents picking up from after school. Please take care that their entrance is not blocked by cars – I have seen myself that when cars park on the pavements around their entrance it makes it very difficult for them to get in and out of their carpark. Please consider how you would feel if you were blocked into your home or office and could not come and go as you pleased.



Parking is prohibited in the areas marked yellow.





### **Sickness**

Can I remind parents that if a child vomits or has diarrhoea, they should be kept at home for 48 hours to avoid the spread of infection.

### **School Admin**

At present Mrs Bean is working Monday-Wednesday, and we are actively recruiting for an administrator to replace Mrs Weir. Please bear with us on a Thursday and Friday while we do not have admin cover. If you have messages that you would like us to pass on, please email if at all possible.

### **Library volunteers**

We are currently re-categorising our library to make it easier for children to choose the right book for them. This is quite a long process which involves scanning books into a website and then applying the correct colour sticker to the book. If any parent has an hour to spare to help us, we would really appreciate. If there are any teenage siblings who finish exams in late June and would like to donate some time to do this, we would be eternally grateful. Please contact Mrs Bean if you are able to help.

### **Year 5 and 6 Careers Afternoon**

We would like to take some time with Years 5 and 6 to talk about preparing for the world of work, and the kinds of jobs that they may get when they are teenagers. Our careers afternoon will be on Thursday 1st July. If there is any parent who has memories of working as a teenager, or a teenage sibling who has a job who would like to talk to our children, please let me know.

Shabbat Shalom, have a great weekend.

Mrs Blaker

*Celebration  
Tea*

Reception: Freddie

Year 1: Caitlin

Year 2: Micah

Year 3: Indi

Year 4: Mia R

Year 5: Eliana

Year 6: Jack H

*Happy  
Birthday*

Jordan - age 6

Jayden - age 9

***Do you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals? Call us for support or advice or email Mrs Patel at [senco@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk) in complete confidence.***



## Class Reminders

### Reception:

- When the weather is warm please provide named hats and named roller ball sun creams without nut oil – thank you
- Please ensure reading folders are in their bag each day- thank you
- Next week is Year 6 SATS- phonics will be taught as a whole class so you will not be receiving the paper in class books. Normal reading books will be sent as usual.
- Please can you send in a new pot of playdough for your child for dough disco.
- Wednesday next week is Yom Ha'atzmaut and all children are to dress up in blue and white clothing

### Year 6:

Please remember to bring in your revision booklets next week. In addition, a breakfast snack will be provided each day but please remember to have your breakfast before you come into school!

## Wellbeing Hub

Due to SATS, there will be no nurture sessions in the wellbeing hub next week. The following week (WB 20/5/24), due to trips and staffing changes, the staffing will be as follows:

Monday and Tuesday - Mrs Goldsmith

Wednesday - Mrs Woolstone (as usual)

Thursday - Mrs Scott





# What we are learning this week

## Reception:

This week we have continued learning about Mini Beasts. The children have enjoyed using describing words to write about their mini beasts. They have been looking at mini beasts in bug viewers and have enjoyed identifying them. In D and T this week we have been planning how to make out boats to test out. Next week we will be using a range of materials to make them. In maths we have been learning about 2d shapes and on Friday we are starting to learn about sharing and grouping. Next week we will be learning all about Seeds.

## Year 1:

Yesterday we celebrated our Chagigat Ha'Siddur. Thank you for coming and being part of this special occasion. Well done Year 1 for a fabulous presentation.

Flourish- In our Flourish lessons, we are learning about money and jobs as part of the topic, Economic Wellbeing. If any parents or family members have any interesting jobs that they would like to come and talk to Year 1 for a few minutes about, we would love to welcome you in. You would share a little about what you do and the children will ask you some questions about it. Please speak to Mrs Jacobs or Mrs Lax to arrange a time.

English – Our current topic is shape poems. We looked at different shape poems and learnt a star shape poem. This week we have been learning about alliterations and similes. Alliteration is the repetition of the same sound at the start of a series of words (big blue balloon, fantastic phonics, Donald Duck). A simile describes something by comparing it to something else, using 'like' or 'as' (slow like a snail, quick as a flash, big as a house, bright like a star).

Maths- Last week we practised how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. This week we have been learning about equal and unequal groups. Example: There are 3 bags. Each bag has 2 apples. How many apple are altogether?  $2+2+2= 3$

## Year 2:

This week in Maths, we have been learning about fractions. We started by recognising quarters and halves and then we moved on to finding a half or a quarter of an amount.

In English, we are continuing to use Meerkat Mail as a model text to help us with recount writing. We started by learning the story map and then acted out scenes from the story. Then, the children learnt the features of a recount, which include writing in the first person, using past tense verbs and sequencing events in chronological order.

In Science, we discussed the meaning of the word habitat and then explored different examples of habitats. We then thought about why certain animals are suited to certain habitats.

In Music, we are exploring the sounds of the British Isles by learning folk songs associated with the city, coast and countryside. This week, the children learnt 'My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean' and then had fun creating soundscapes of the seaside using just their voices and bodies.

## Year 3:

In Maths this week, Year 3 have been learning about Mass, focusing on scales, grams and kilograms.

In English this week, Year 3 have been learning about using similes to add more detail and dialogue to progress a story.

In Science, we did an experiment looking at friction by testing different surfaces.

## Year 4:

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed working on their free verses this week in English. We have been very creative thinking of different onomatopoeia to include in them. We have also been working very hard on decimals in Maths. We continue to learn about Ancient Egyptians in History and Sound in Science.

## Year 5:

In Maths this week we started our new topic all to do with shapes! The children have started to learn about different types of angles and how to measure accurately using a protractor. We have begun to learn about explanation texts by identifying the features of one and used relative clauses to explain as well. In PSHE we have been looking at health and wellbeing, specifically how yoga can help with our mental health and help us keep calm.

## Year 6:

This week, Year 6 have been revising in English and Maths. We have recapped our arithmetic, reasoning and problem solving in Maths. In English, we have recapped using colons, semi-colons and dashes for parenthesis. In Science, we produced a line graph showing how our data exercise effects heart rate. Furthermore, in Music we have been learning to harmonise The White Cliffs of Dover with a counter-melody.

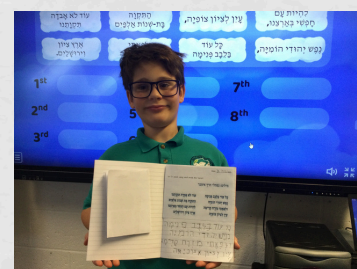
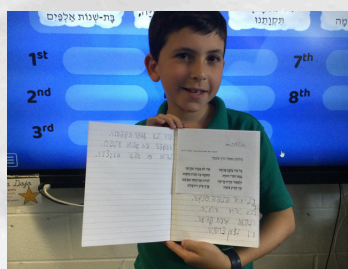
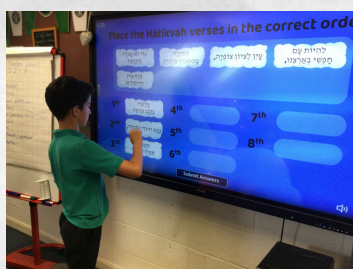
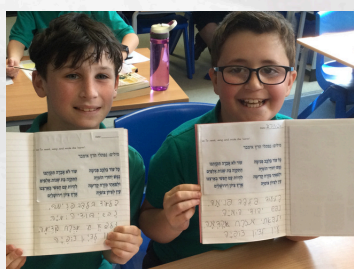


## This week in Ivrit

Reception: We recapped the learnt vocabulary and learnt the verb 'omer' (to say). We built 3 word sentences with visual cards using learnt phrases.

This week in Ivrit, we focussed on Yom Ha'atzmaut festival which is next week.

Year 4, 5 and 6 learnt the meaning of 'Hatikva' which is Israel's national anthem. We watched a video and sang it together. The children also wrote it out, and some children challenged themselves by writing it in script. We also played interactive games where the children put the words of the song in the correct order.



## This week in Jewish Studies

Reception - started to learn about 'Yom Ha'atzmaut', Israel's Independence Day. We learnt that Israel is going to celebrate their 76th year. The children looked at the flag of Israel and designed their own flag using glue, blue coloured paper and other items.

Y3 - we looked at some key symbols of Israel and recognised them on old Yom Haatzmaut posters.

Y4 - learned facts about Israel anthem Hatikvah and practiced singing it.

Y4 - learned to recognise the location of Israel on the world map and the countries surrounding it.

Y5 - discussed the importance of Israel to the Jewish people and looked at a map of Israel and the location of the main cities of the country.

