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Clore Columns

Attendance: 97%Our Target Attendance: 97%Punctuality: 98%Our Target Punctuality: 99%Class Punctuality Prize: Year 3

Dear Parents,

I hope all parents had a wonderful Rosh Hashana. Thank you to all parents who helped us with our Yom Tov activities – we couldn't do it without you. I wish you all well over the fast and look forward to preparing for Sukkot with the children next week.

On Monday Year 5 and 6 we commemorated the first anniversary of October 7th with Rabbi Adam, in a beautiful ceremony of Jewish pride in our identity and hope for the future. Rabbi Adam fixed my lovely new mezuzah, given by last year's Year 6 parents, which is deeply meaningful being made from Jerusalem stone, and I take great joy in it every time I come in and come out of school.

Children who have come to see me with excellent work: Maddie, Arabelle (twice!) Chase, Ella, Sammy, Issy, Camden, Mila, Mia J, Zachary S, Lily E, Rafael G, Samuel S, Reece, Blake, Jackson H, Isaac, Zachary N, Nathan, Toby, Kora, Jazzy and Chiara.

If you would like to see what we have been discussing in assembly, please look at my padlet <u>here</u>.

CLORE Awards

I am so happy to hear from all the children who have already selected their 'Myself' challenge for the Autumn term. While the CLORE awards is entirely voluntary, I would love to see each child participating. Children are also very welcome to think of their own challenge and complete it.

Dogs at pupil collection time

Much as we love all dogs, there are some children (and adults) who are frightened of dogs or who have allergies. If you are bringing your dog to pick up, please could you keep it away from the school gate, or in the car if it is safe to do so.

RSE Parent consultation meeting

We are updating our RSE (relationships and sex education) policy and will be circulating it to parents soon as part of our duty to consult our community. I would like to invite parents to a consultation morning on **12th December at 9.00 am.** I will discuss with parents our RSE curriculum and it will be a chance to raise any questions or concerns. We are also delighted to welcome Sarah Bronzite from Keshet UK who will talk to parents about the LBTQ+ elements of our curriculum and chair a wider discussion and questions from parents about introducing sexuality based issues to children and how to approach childrens' questions at home.

Choir Performance

To all choir parents – I am excited that the next performance from our wonderful choir will be on Friday 29th November at 8.45 in Kabbalat Shabbat. (This is a non parent week, but choir parents are welcome)

Do you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals? Call us for support or advice or email Mrs Lax senco@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk in complete confidence.



Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Please note that 6th December is a parents Kabbalat Shabbat.

Friday early closing times reminder

School will close at 1.30/1.45 from Friday 8th November until Friday 14th February inclusive.

Diary dates

I am attaching the diary dates for this term and next term to this newsletter. I do not tend to put them on the school website for security reasons.

Parent Maths workshops

If like me you are mathematically challenged, Herts are putting on some free workshops for parents of children aged 3-7 to support their children with maths. Please find the details <u>here</u>.

Support for parents in reporting harmful content online

If parents would like to visit our 'useful information' page on the school <u>website</u>, they will find a lot of resources about navigating the online world. I have recently added a 'Reporting Harmful Content' button at the bottom of the page, which will direct parents to the specific places they can report harmful content, should their children discover it. I hope parents find this information useful.

Shabbat Shalom Gemma Blaker

Supporting Children's Wellbeing Workshop

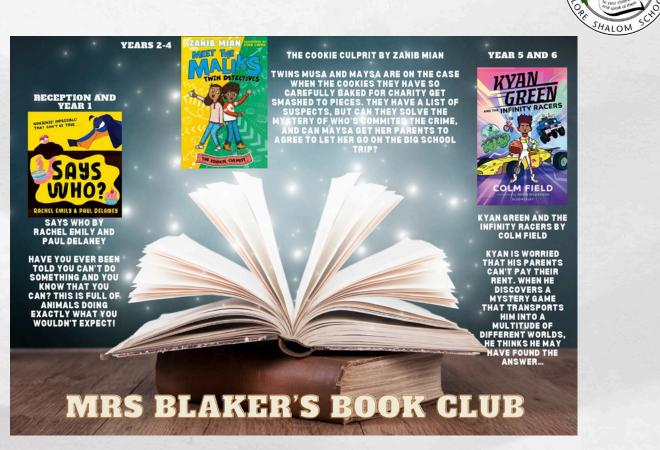
Friday 8th November 9:15am (straight after Kabbalat Shabbat)

We are delighted to hold a special workshop for parents, facilitated by Claire Godley, Heads Up Kids Director, and Jessica Overlander-Kaye, PAJES Wellbeing Manager, who both have a wealth of qualifications and experience in working within a wide range of both Jewish and non-Jewish organisations that support children, parents and schools in addressing the challenges they face on a daily basis.

During this session, we will look at how to support your children and look at challenges such as anxiety, resilience, friendships and change. We hope parents will come away understanding their children's behaviour and communication and will feel equipped with tools and strategies to help.

Please email admin@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk to book your space.

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REVIEWS

Reception - Mason C reviewed Oceans by National Geographic Year 1 - Fallon reviewed Ten little Reindeer by Jonny Lambert Year 1 - Marnie reviewed Keith The Cat With The Magic Hat by Sue Hendra Year 3 - Freddie B reviewed Supertato Mean Green Time Machine



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