

# King David News



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## Celebrating Lag B'Omer

Today is Lag B'Omer - the 33rd day of the Omer. We count the 49 days in the period between the festivals of Passover and Shavuot - the period of the Omer.

The period after Passover is one of sadness and mourning and it is customary not to have weddings or listen to music during this time. Lag B'Omer however is the exception and for this reason it is customary for families to have picnics, go on outings and to play games. Today the younger classes



had a mini-picnic, eating their morning tuck outside, and Y1 made Israeli salad - perfect for the approaching heat-wave!



### King David PTA SUMMER FAIR 2018 APPEAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The PTA Summer Fair organising group are kindly requesting donations of prizes for the Summer Fair Raffle. Please get in touch via email if:

- you would like to donate a suitable raffle prize
- you have corporate/business contacts to help us source prizes (e.g. tickets to local family attractions are very popular!)
- or if you own a small business and would like to donate a prize

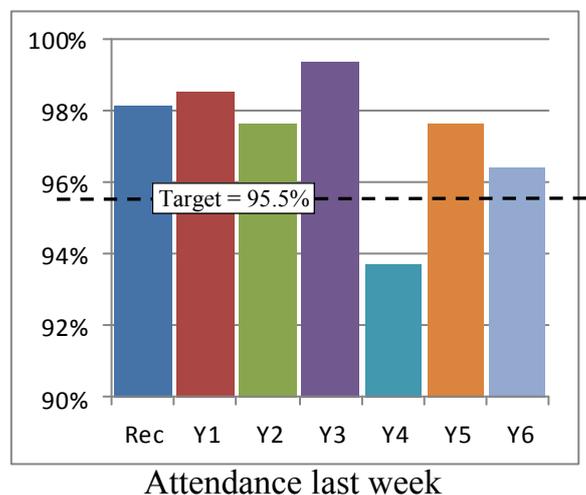
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Thank you in advance.

N.B. Please do not send in donations for the tombola or the bottle stall to school yet, as there isn't space for these currently to be stored. A message will go out in June shortly before the fair to request contributions for the bottle tombola and new or nearly new items for the toy tombola, so please keep this in mind if you're having a clear out! Thank you for your support.

### Good attendance

After a dip during the winter months, attendance is back up to a good level, with an average of **97.4%** across the school last week. With the approaching end-of-year assessments and SATs tests in Y2 and Y6, please make sure your child gets plenty of rest, exercise, fresh air and healthy food, so they can be in school every day, ready to do their best.



Each day, bread, water and fresh fruit are available. There is also a daily sandwich option. This is the menu for next week:

School closed on Monday  
for May Day

Tuesday

Minced beef or Quorn spaghetti bolognaise;  
Orange drizzle sponge

Wednesday

Roast chicken with garlic roast potatoes with stuffing or vegetable samosa;  
Fruit jelly

Thursday

Hot dog day: Veggie hotdogs with chips and ketchup;  
Carrot cake

Friday

Beef and vegetable pie or Quornish pastry;  
Chocolate bread pudding

*This menu is dependant on availability of ingredients and is subject to change. All cream and custard is non-dairy.*



## Counting the Omer

Today is the 33rd day, making 4 weeks and 5 days, of the Omer. A special day - Lag B'Omer!

## Nursery applications welcome



Do you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015? Or have friends who do? Those children are eligible to start our Nursery this September. Pick up an application form from the school office. We also have advertising fliers - perfect to hand on to families you know.

**We still have free places available for this September**

## Wet mornings



We may now be entering a mini heat-wave, but be sure that the wet weather will return. If it is raining before school in the morning, we can let the children come into the hall from 8:30am, to wait for the bell at 8:45am. A member of staff is on duty with them, so parents and carers do not need to wait, except for Nursery, please, who are asked to wait with their children and to take them to the Nursery entrance at their usual time of 8:50am.



## Friday night Kiddush

Every Friday afternoon the whole school comes together for a mock Friday evening Kiddush - the meal that brings in Shabbat (the Sabbath day).

Tomorrow is Y1's turn to help lay the table or sit and take part.

All parents are warmly welcomed to join us for this assembly at 1:30pm.



## Shabbat Shalom



Shabbat begins each Friday evening. During the summer months, local synagogues in Birmingham welcome in Shabbat at 8pm, even though the sun really sets later than that. Shabbat will end at 9:42pm on Saturday evening. In Synagogue this Shabbat, the portion of the Torah being read is "Parshat Emor", giving us our Theme of the Week "Giving to the needy in a kind way."



Letters home this week...

No letters home this week

Letters to Parents

### Coming up...

Friday 4th May, 9am: Y4 class assembly

Friday 4th May, 1:30pm:

Shabbat Kiddush, led by Y1

Friday 11th May, 9am: Y1 class assembly