

King David News



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Keeping safe online

This week our Theme of the Week has been to consider *the influence of one's environment*, and Mrs Cohen has related this in her assemblies to keeping safe online. She told the story this morning of a child who spent too long playing games, going on chatrooms and watching videos online, leading to her losing friends, upsetting others, and upsetting and scaring herself. Too often we hear of children watching

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<https://www.webwise.ie>

Do you know what your child is seeing online?

unsuitable videos, via YouTube, or talking on message boards in an inappropriate way. All classes learned about online safety in workshops last term with Streetwise, but still there is an important role and responsibility for parents and carers to supervise what children are doing, reading, hearing and seeing online, whether on computer, iPad or smartphone.

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

Email: thekingdavidpta@gmail.com

Thank you in advance.

N.B. 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.



Fantastic attendance!

Today every single child from Reception up to Y6 is in school - an incredible 100% attendance across the main school!



We do appreciate everybody's efforts to keep their child well, healthy and rested, as the best place to learn is in your fantastic school!

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



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

School is closed on Monday
for the festival of Shavuot

Tuesday

Beef meatballs with pasta, or Quorn spaghetti bolognaise; Fruit shortcake

Wednesday

Roast beef with roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding, or veggie Toad-in-the-hole; Rice pudding and sultanas

Thursday

Jacket potato bar: Freshly baked jacket served with Quorn bolognaise, baked beans, tuna or celeriac slaw; Golden cracknell

Friday

Baked fish goujons with chips or roasted vegetable risotto; Chocolate iced sponge with chocolate custard

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

Counting the days to Shavuot

Since Passover we have been counting the Omer each day - the days between Passover and the festival of Shavuot. As we said in assembly this morning, today is the 47th day of the Omer, which



makes six weeks and five days of the Omer. The festival of Shavuot lasts from Saturday evening through to Monday evening. This celebrates when Moses received the Ten Commandments on top of Mount Sinai.

Don't forget - no school on Monday! Chag sameach Shavuot! Wishing you a happy festival of Shavuot!

Children who may sometimes be fasting

While children are not required to fast, we do sometimes have children in the Upper Phase asking if they can fast on some of the days during the month of Ramadan. We do require a letter from the parents to allow this, and ask parents to consider the wellbeing of children, active and working hard through the day in school, needing fuel and hydration to keep them going. Please note we are not able to allow children younger than Y4 to fast.

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. Holiday candles for Shavuot are lit at 10:11pm on Saturday evening, and again at 10:13pm on Sunday. In Synagogue this Shabbat, the portion of the Torah being read is "Parshat Bamidbar" giving us our Theme of the Week "the influence of one's environment."

Coming up...

Friday 18th May, 9am: Reception class assembly
Friday 18th May, 1:30pm: Shabbat Kiddush, led by Nursery
Monday 21st May: School closed for Shavuot
Wednesday 23rd May, 2:30pm: Nursery assembly



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 Nursery'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.



Letters home this week...
Echo Eternal (Y5)
Echo Eternal (Y6)