

King David News



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Chag Chanukah Sameach

and wishing you all a happy, peaceful, festive season

Tonight brings in the eighth and last night of Chanukah, a joyous festival that commemorates when the Jewish Maccabees defeated the Greeks, reclaimed the Temple and rededicated it. Only one "cruse" (pot) of kosher oil could be found, but, by a miracle, that oil lasted eight days, until new oil could be made. Each afternoon we have lit our chanukiah - a candlestick with eight candles, plus the shamash, which is used to light the other Chanukah candles. It has been lovely to

be joined by parents too for these special events, through Google Classrooms.

Keeping everyone safe this holiday

While the festive period is an important time for many people of all faiths and none to come together over the holidays, we are hearing of some families planning to flout the new government restrictions, mingling with more than two other families and/or beyond the allowed period from 23rd until 27th December.



At the same time many families have decided, in order to minimise the risk of

spreading the virus, they will have a very quiet festive season this year. They will protect their loved ones by keeping socialising virtual, through the wonders of the internet.



So that we can have a safe and healthy 2021, please respect all the rules over the coming weeks and do your best to protect yourselves, your family and your community.

Absence abroad

There are only rare circumstances when families might be travelling abroad at the moment. If you do travel abroad, the office will need to see your flight/travel tickets, to ensure that you have completed any required 10-day self-isolation. The whole family must stay in their house during such self-isolation.

Happy holidays!



School is closed for two weeks. We have an "INSET" ("In-service training") day at the beginning of January, and so the children will return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.



Governor changes

We are happy to welcome Mrs Alina Esh as a new Foundation governor. Alina has a child in Reception and told us "I'm very keen to see how I can help the parents to feel comfortable, safe and happy with the School. One of the things that I found comforting as a parent when my daughter started was the communication with the governors who helped me to understand better how the school works...so I hope to be able to do the same for other parents and newcomers."

Welcome to the team, Alina!

Alina replaces Mrs Tracy Klinger, whose term as a Foundation governor has come to an end. Thank you, Tracy, for your hard work on the Governing Board, especially as part of the Buildings Taskgroup, promoting and authorising projects that have made the school into the best learning environment.

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

Tuesday

Fish fingers and chips or veggie hotdogs, and vegetables;
Chocolate shortbread crunch

Wednesday

Roast chicken with garlic roast potatoes or vegetable samosa with vegetables;
Apple and Peach pie with custard

Thursday

Mince beef or Quorn spaghetti bolognaise, with vegetables;
Orange and cinnamon sponge

Friday

Vegetarian cheese and tomato pinwheel, new potatoes and vegetables;
Carrot cake

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

Thank you, Aspens, for giving everyone Chanukah Gelt (chocolate money) to help us celebrate!



Should it snow...

We do our very best to stay open in all safe weather conditions, but should there be heavy snow one night, please listen to your radio, (Radio WM, BRMB or HeartFM) for an announcement on school closures. A joint decision will be made by King David, Kings Heath and Moseley CofE schools. We will also keep you updated on Twitter... @KingDavidBham

Please do not call the school.

SEND Parent Ambassador



We hope to have a SEND Parent Ambassador in the school.

This person would be one of the parents, who would receive training from Birmingham Local Authority's "Pupil and School Support Service", on how to engage and support other parents, when it comes to their child who has Special Educational Needs or Disabilities.



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If you are interested in taking on this role, please speak to Mrs Owen to get more details - email her on: fiona.owen@kingdavid.bham.sch.uk



Homework over the break

The teachers are setting minimal homework tasks over the holidays, as everyone needs and deserves a rest. However - let's make it a holiday of reading! Parents and children could dig out their favourites books, or read something new. Try to set aside time every day to read together, sharing a book, or simply reading your own books, side-by-side. Teachers will be sharing suggested reading book lists through Google Classrooms.

Shabbat Shalom



Shabbat begins tomorrow evening at 3:36pm and ends at 4:55pm on Saturday evening. In Synagogue this Shabbat, the portion of the Torah being read is "Parsha Miketz", giving us our Theme of the Week "Caring about each other."

Coming up...

Monday 21st December: Holidays begin
Tuesday 5th January 2021:

Children return for the Spring Term

Chromebooks - making a difference

Recently the school purchased Chromebooks and they are being put to great use across the school. Thank you so much to parents who made donations towards them through SchoolMoney. It's not too late to contribute and every donation is greatly appreciated, however modest.

Letters home:

Google Classrooms survey
(all classes)

French lessons (Y6)

Tudor Day (13th January) (Y4)