

WHATS ON – DATES AND TIMES

- Thursday 17th November
8pm
Prospective parents evening for new parents seeking a place for a child who is Reception age in September 2017
- Tuesday 20th December
2.30pm
Chanukah show for parents
- Wednesday 21st December
12.50pm
End of term 1

Looking at Learning

What happens at Yavneh Primary School once the school day starts?



In Hachana, learning starts as soon as your child walks into the classroom. Your child starts his/her day developing his/her core skills. There is always a buzz about the building as the children work at their activity stations. Some children work on their gross motor skills by carrying out activities to develop and strengthen their core stability. A strong body is essential for a child to be able to develop his/her posture for writing. Other children reinforce and build on their phonic knowledge, practice mark making, develop their cutting skills or work on letter formation. Some children work on developing their pincer and tripod grip – the grip essential for holding a pencil. The children also get the opportunity to improve their counting, sorting and number skills and develop their imagination.

After Davening the children and teachers 'Power up!' As a class, the children enjoy a physical warm up or some Brain Gym to get them ready for the day ahead. This is often done to music.

The rest of the morning is split into different sessions. Your child has an adult led Maths or Phonics input, a Limudei Kodesh session and spends lots of time engaged in child initiated learning.



Child-initiated learning supports children in having ideas and being in control of their learning. It enables them to learn through first-hand experiences, allowing them to choose how to use the classroom resources to do so. Sometimes child-led activities start out as an adult initiated activity, however by allowing the children space and time; they often extend the resources and ideas given to create their own experiences.

The Hachana staff work hard to strike a balance between adult led and child initiated activities to best meet the children's needs and outcomes. All the adults in Hachana play an important role in child initiated learning. They provide a safe environment for your child to explore and test out ideas.



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Adults are continually observing, questioning and assessing in the classroom and may use your child's interests or next steps to develop play.

Once your child has washed for lunch, s/he walks with the class over to the Yavneh College Dining Room. There are lots of adults who help your child choose what s/he is going to eat. Lunch is a very sociable time and the children in Nitzanim and Zeraim sit together. After lunch the children play in the Yavneh Primary School playground. Birkat Hamazon (grace after meals) is sung before your child settles back into her/his classroom for the afternoon.



The afternoon starts with an adult lead phonics or maths session followed by an afternoon of child initiated learning.

After a very busy day the children always have a story before they go home. Reading a story to your child is so important. Not only does it develop his/her imagination and listening skills but it will support your child to develop a lifelong relationship with the printed word. We hope that all of our children will grow into adults who read easily and frequently whether for business, knowledge, or pleasure.



Succah party



Eating lunch in the school Succah over Succot was great fun and we were delighted to welcome family and friends to our Succah party just before half term. The children worked hard to make Succah decorations and learnt lots of songs for the occasion. Despite the weather, the children enjoyed decorating flags for Simchat Torah and eating the cakes they had made for the party.



Ladders of Success

On Friday the 21st October 2016, Yavneh Primary School was filled with superheroes, princes and princesses instead of children! The children have worked together, to move to the top of their 'Ladders of Success'. The children enjoyed a reward of their choice – a superhero chocolate party and a fairytale ball. Each class is in the process of choosing their next reward. We are delighted to see our children making good choices in their behavior. They are working together to look after the school and enable every child to learn in a safe, happy environment.



Hachana Mitzvah Tree



Congratulations to Daniel, Lucie, Preston, Hannah, Lillybelle, Kalanit, Amelie and Samuel who all have leaves on our Mitzvah tree this month. It is such a delight to see our children being so kind and caring.

Breakfast club/ afterschool club

Our breakfast club has now been running for a month and the children who attend really enjoy the calm but social club. Breakfast club starts at 7.50am. There are still a few places available. If you would like your child to attend then please contact Mrs Collins in the school office.

Our after school clubs will be starting in January 2017 and we are delighted to be able to offer the following clubs this year.

Day	Activity	Provider
Monday	Football	SFC –Skill Football control
Tuesday	Multi Sports	SFC –Skill Football control
Wednesday	Dance	Vanessa Class School of Dance
Thursday	Playball	Playball NW London

All clubs will run from 3.30pm to 4,15/30 and will take place in classroom 4 or in our playground. Club letters are available on the school website and should be sent directly back to the company running the club.

School Uniform

We are incredibly proud of our school and our wonderful pupils are a representation of it. Every child is expected to come to school looking smart. Coats should be **black** and now the weather is getting colder, hats, gloves and scarves should be **red** or **black**. Please name everything. The cooperation of parents in maintaining the standard of dress is appreciated. Our school uniform policy is available on the school website



Walk to School

At Yavneh Primary School we would like to encourage our children to walk or scooter to school. The children love parking their scooters in our scooter park. If children are unable to walk or scooter the whole way, we would encourage you to 'park and stride'. All parents driving to school are asked to park in the car park of Tesco Borehamwood. Sadly we have had written and photographic complaints from local residents about Yavneh Primary parents parking on Hillside Avenue. Driving up and parking on Hillside Avenue may have a serious impact on the planning permission we are granted for our new building and might cause a delay.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is an essential element in ensuring that each child has full access to their learning entitlement. Whilst we recognise that some Reception children are not statutory school age until the summer term, we urge parents to bring their child to school every day and be mindful of the importance of children's learning during the Reception years where they are embedding the skills they need to become lifelong learners. Our current school attendance figure for this term is: 98.3%

80% of our children have 100% attendance.

Please remember to contact the school as early as possible if your child is absent.

Parent Governor Elections

Nominations for parent governors went out before half term and interested parents have submitted the required forms.

As there were more than 2 candidates a ballot will be held. Further information and voting papers will be send to you by Friday 11th November 2016. Voting papers must be returned by 9am on the 18th November 2016. The following are eligible to vote:

1. Natural parents
2. Adoptive parents
3. Step parents
4. Foster parents, guardians and anyone else who has actual responsibility for the child on a day to day basis