

PINFOLD NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

I hope everyone had a relaxing Christmas . *I have put all the dates that we have for events etc. for the rest of the school year onto our website which can be found on the home page, if you scroll down the page, to 'Our calendar', you can click on 'View all our calendar' for a full list until July.*

We have already been on two trips this term! The whole school went to the synagogue last week. We actually went to two synagogues as we arrived at the Orthodox Synagogue on Argyle Road to find out we have booked in with the Reformed Synagogue down Princess St in Southport. We looked at the amazing five Torah scrolls, the Jewish holy book and some children got to dress up in traditional clothes. We all got to wear a prayer cap called a 'kippa'. Selwyn and Gillian were very welcoming. I had asked to learn about Jewish weddings and they showed us a video of their son's wedding, which looked great fun. If any of you have any digital videos of your weddings that we could look at during assembly please send them to me.



This is Gillian showing us how to read the Torah using a 'yad'. A cute tiny pointing hand on a silver pointer.

The Torah is written on parchment, takes a year to write and is very precious. The Torah starts at the back and is written in Hebrew from right to left. We learned there are no vowels in Hebrew!



Selwyn let us see the beautiful tops from the scrolls. They have silver bells on and spheres that represent pomegranates, which are a very important fruit to Jews. There are supposed to be 613 seeds in a pomegranate, the same number as the commandments in the Torah!



Miss Whiteside would like 2 litre plastic bottles for Willow for Monday please (clean and empty). She would also like to let parents know that the Edgehill student Miss Krishnamurthy's last day is next Tuesday. We wish her good luck with her future career and thank her for her help.

Forest School IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We had to cancel Forest School last time because some children had the wrong clothes on to keep them dry and warm. Hats with pocket gloves attached are NOT SUITABLE for the woods. They let in drafts, are dangerous by the fire and the children can not use their hands or have their hands free if they trip and fall. Please do not send them in. Children need gloves, woolly hats, socks that meet their jogging bottoms and lots of layers. Children need leggings or cosy pyjamas under their jogging bottoms. They need a vest, a t-shirt, a long sleeved t-shirt, a woolly jumper, a hoody, a waterproof coat with a hood, to ensure they stay dry and warm. If you do not have access to any of these clothes please let us know asap and we will try and sort you out. Lots of pairs of socks can mean children's feet are cold and painful as they restrict the flow of blood to the toes. One thick pair is sufficient as long as it reaches and holds in their trousers, so there are no gaps. Our waterproof pants then keep them cosy. Trainers are not suitable for the woods, unless walking boot type (waterproof). Last week we had to tie poo bags around children's socks inside their trainers in the hope of keeping them dry. When we got back to school some children had one t-shirt and a school sweatshirt on under their non-waterproof school coats. We are in the elements for six hours- It is only fun if cosy and dry.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.