

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Reception newsletter! I apologise I haven't been there this week but I've been hearing about all the wonderful activities that the children have been enjoying. I have heard all about the close bonds they are starting to make with the staff and the other children. I have heard how they have adapted to the new environment really well. They have had their photos taken and are so excited to have their own tray and peg.

The children have been learning lots about the class setting including our behaviour system using our new behaviour wristbands. They have also been excited to learn about our class rewards, our Warm and Fuzzy jar. This allows them to collect warm and fuzzies for class behaviour and will be given a special treat, such as baking or extra playtime outside.

The children have also been introduced to our IALAC rules which we have heard the children talking about. I have heard such incredible things about the children who attended the Etz Chaim nursery helping the new children with their way around the classroom and building their confidence in the class. It really has made me so happy to hear all these amazing things and how helpful the children have been.

This week Reception had a recap of some of last year's greetings phrases such: **שָׁבוּעַ טוֹב** 'Shavua Tov' (Have a lovely week), **שְׁלוֹמ** 'Shalom' (Hello/ goodbye/ peace), **בּוֹקֵר טוֹב** 'Boker Tov' (Good morning), **יוֹם טוֹב** 'Yom Tov' (Good day), **שַׁבַּת שְׁלוֹמ** 'Shabbat Shalom' (Have a peaceful Shabbat/Saturday) and **לְהִתְרַאוֹת** - Lehitra'ot (Goodbye/see you soon). They also have refreshed their memory with some of the singular pronouns: **אֲנִי** - I am (ani), **אַתָּה** You -masculine (ata) and **אַתְּ** You – feminine (at).

Our week's attendance was 97%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Just a reminder about Jeans for Genes day coming next Friday 18th September. The children will be allowed to wear a piece of denim with their full school clothing. A donation of £1 or more is suggested through Parent Pay.

I am missing the children so much but again love seeing and hearing what they are learning and I really cannot wait to see all their smiles very soon!

Shabbat shalom,

The Reception Team