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Dear Parents

End of Term Letter – Autumn 2017

My last end of term letter comes with my heartfelt thanks to you all for being such a fantastic and supportive parent body!

Kodesh

Our צדקה this term was Kisharon with whom we have very strong links; we are always delighted to support this extremely worthy cause. We donated the money from the Chanukah Carnival to Kisharon with the aim of teaching the children that we can have fun at the same time as giving צדקה.

Dayan Abraham came to talk to the children before יום כפור and as always inspired them with his words.

Once again Y3-6 joined in the Hatzolah Tehillim Event.

Many classes have made a סיום for finishing various פרקים in חומש. However, the highlight was Y5's מלכה מלכה for finishing the whole of ספר בראשית, hosted by family Benchabbat with guest speaker Rabbi Denderowitz from Menorah Primary School.

Shabbat UK

We once again joined in the Shabbat UK activities and had our own Challoh bake in the hall which was amazing. A big thank you to Parkway for donating the dough to us. This year, instead of a craft, each class learnt a different צמירות and the whole school came together for the Noam Concert which was really very special.

Competitions

We had some lovely competitions this term. The first was the תשרי competition with the children making something for any of the טובים יום which occur in תשרי. This was followed by a Chanukah competition with some unbelievable entries.

Citizenship, British Values and Assemblies

We continue to devote our assemblies to British Values and enrich the children's education through informative presentations which the children love. This term we have had some really interesting assemblies including Prince Harry's Invictus Games, Hurricanes Irma and Ophelia, Diwali and Guy Fawkes, Remembrance Day, Anti-bullying and The Balfour Declaration.

We love themed weeks at Noam as it gives us the opportunity to have a more in-depth look at the different topics covered in assembly. Black History gave the children the opportunity to study different black personalities throughout history with the addition this year of Jackie Robinson. Our Anti-bullying week theme was 'flying together' culminating in the children making kites which they then flew in the playground. They had a fantastic time and I hope that the message got across to them.

Young Writers Competition

Noam did extremely well in the Young Writers Competition with lots of children having their poems published in this year's poetry anthology.

World Diabetes Day

For the first time we celebrated World Diabetes Day, which was a real success. Our three diabetic children gave a fantastic presentation to the KS2 classes under the direction of Mrs Brodie. At the end of the day the children set up a stall with the help of their mothers where they gave out literature and stickers raising £130 to help fund research.

Continued Professional Development

We take CPD very seriously at Noam with a number of teachers attending a variety of courses. Mr Coleman has been on a number of moderating sessions for Early Years and I am pleased to report that we are right on track with our profiles. He also brought back a new initiative – Healthy Eating Status for Early Years. We hope to be awarded another logo for our headed paper at the end of the year!

Mrs Shlovsky has also been on a number of Y6 SATS moderating courses and I must say that the quality of work which Y6 are producing far surpasses anything they have done in the past. No pressure, but I am expecting to hear about some great SATS results at the end of the year.

I have been on intensive safeguarding training and as you know have started to introduce workshops to the children on how to stay safe. Mrs Posen and I will continue with this next term.

Mrs Chody and Mrs Aremband have both completed Advanced Safeguarding and Safer recruitment training this term and Mr Coleman is now a trained paediatric first aider.

Parent Sessions

This term we have had Curriculum Evening for all classes, which were well attended, Parents Evenings and a Nursery get to know you evening.

School Show

What can I say, Mrs Shlovsy outdid herself and the children were unbelievable! I feel very emotional just thinking about it!

The End.....

The PTA Melava Malka was a resounding success with the highlight obviously being the news that building, or rather digging, has commenced. That together with my initial meeting with Barnet regarding State Aid means that I leave you well on the way for the next stage of Noam's development. Everything is in place and it is my heartfelt hope that the path before you is very smooth.

There are no words with which to thank my wonderful staff for all that they have done over the years to make Noam the school that it is today. No one person is responsible for this fantastic school – it is a team effort and I salute my 'A' team.

At my Farewell Evening my own children said that now they understand why it is called the 'Noam Family'. Thank you for all your support during both the good times and the more challenging times - the memories of my years at Noam will last a lifetime!

Enjoy the winter break!

Kind regards

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