

Monday 13th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

In year 1 and 2 the children are learning about Jewish beliefs and practices this half term. This is linked to the Derby Derbyshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education. In addition to this, it will also support the children's learning on 'Promoting British Values' through showing *tolerance* and *mutual respect*.

As part of our learning we have arranged a workshop run by the Open Centre, Derby. During the workshop, children will learn about synagogues and the ways some Jewish people use this special building and what you would find in a synagogue. We believe that it is increasingly important that pupils understand the diversity of religious traditions, practices and forms of worship found in our country but **please be assured that under no circumstances will any child be asked to participate in any aspect of worship or be required to compromise their own faith or beliefs during this workshop.** The children will hear from a member of the Jewish community and take part in some interactive activities. This will help the children to learn about different faiths and cultures through a personal experience, which will really enhance their learning.

Date: **Thursday 30th November 2023**

Voluntary contribution per child: **£3.17**

If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact your child's class teachers or you can visit the Open Centre's website for more details at <http://www.derbyopencentre.org/>.

Please provide consent and payment via ParentPay by Friday 24th November 2023. As always, the workshop will only go ahead if we receive enough contributions.

Kind regards

Mrs Higgins, Miss Clutterbuck, Mr Swift, Miss Marshall-Clarke & Mrs Wilderspin