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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5.

This year we have a focus on enriching our lives by learning about other religions and cultures. We had an amazing time learning about Hinduism last term, looking at Diwali, Holi, reincarnation and Hindu beliefs.

We are so fortunate that the festival of Holi is this term and we want to celebrate this with the children. Holi is known as the festival of colour and this is celebrated with bonfires and throwing coloured powder or water. Some people believe the Holi colours came from Krishna mischievously throwing coloured water over his milkmaids when he was a boy. This developed into the practical jokes and games of Holi.

This year, Holi is on Friday the 18th of March and we are going to be celebrating this on the field or playground (depending on the weather) by playing games and throwing coloured powder at each other. We have carefully considered the health and safety implications of this and specific rules will be put into place such as powder should not be thrown above shoulder level. Children will be offered disposable masks to wear, especially if they suffer with asthma, and all children will need to bring a change of clothes if they wish to participate. The supplier of the powder, Ministry of Colour, has a clearly displayed 'Material Safety Data' Sheet on their website which has been assessed by Mr Wells and deemed safe.

If you would **not** like your child to participate in this activity, please email your child's teacher by Thursday 17th of March.

Children participating will need to bring in spare clothing to change in to on Friday 18th March and will be going home in these clothes, with their school uniform in their bag.

Thanks and kind regards,

Miss Lynn, Miss Gorania and Miss Thompson.

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