

St Nicolas and St Mary Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

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7th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

During the Summer Term, Year 3 are learning about Hinduism in their Religious Education lessons. As part of our learning, we have organised for the children to experience the colour and excitement of Holi festival.

The Holi festival is an ancient Hindu festival, which heralds the arrival of spring after winter. It signifies the victory of good over evil and is celebrated as a day of spreading happiness and love. The festival is also celebrated as thanksgiving for good harvest.

We hope this will be a memorable enrichment activity as part of the children's learning, however, we would like to assure you it will not be carried out in a religious way.

The activity will take place, weather permitting, on Thursday Ist July. Special Holi power will only be thrown by the staff and the children will be supplied with goggles as a precaution. We also request that your child brings in a change of old clothes for the activity in a named bag. These clothes will more than likely get the paint powder on them so please bear this in mind!

If you would like to discuss the activity with your child's teacher please feel free to email the school office or talk to them at the end of the school day.

Please complete the permission slip below and return it to school by Wednesday 16th June 2021.

Your sincerely

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Mr A Lincoln Acting Headteacher

Year 3 Holi Festival Experience

- I will send my child into school with a change of 'old' clothes on the day.

Signed (parent/carer)