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Dear Parents

Bhaktivedanta Manor and Indian Dance workshop

Bhaktivedanta Manor:

On Thursday 13th September, we will be travelling to Bhaktivedanta Manor: a temple situated within 77 acres of Hertfordshire countryside. It features a magnificent Hindu shrine, an education centre, extensive garden areas and a farm. Over the course of the day, the children will participate in a main presentation, a cart ride, a dressing-up workshop, which includes face painting, and a visit to the Hindu shrine. It promises to be an exciting hands-on day and a highly valuable educational experience.

Traditional, vegetarian Hindi foods will be provided for lunch, so children will not need to bring a packed lunch. There will be plenty of options given to the children; we are confident that they will find something they enjoy. Children are welcome to bring a snack and a bottle of water for the coach on the way there. We ask that children with a nut allergy or a specific allergy provide their own vegetarian lunch.

We will be travelling by coach, leaving at 9am, and endeavour to arrive back before the end of the school day. Children will be required to wear school uniform as usual. Ensure that children bring a raincoat in case of bad weather as some of the activities will be outside.

Indian Dance workshop:

To help us explore our topic with hands on experiences, we have booked Lorraine Theobald from 'Multicultural Dance' to teach an Indian Dance workshop to Year 5 at the start of the year.

The two Year 5 classes will be visited by Lorraine on the morning of Thursday 20th September. Lorraine will educate the children in the importance of dance in Indian culture and teach them a huge variety of motifs which will help the children create their own Indian dance routines.

In order for these visit to take place, we ask you to make a contribution of £26.00

We understand that this is a large outlay however, it is for TWO experiences and in light of this, this is the only trip this year which will involve a coach journey. All other experiences will be local and the only other experience that will incur a cost will be in the second half of the Summer term; we predict that our Greek experience will cost around £7 per person. The trip to the temple is a truly unique memorable experience and is an opportunity not to be missed, the trip underpins our whole topic and it is one the children never forget.

Although such a contribution is voluntary, in reality we have no alternative source of funding. One week before the date of the visit/activity the Governors will assess whether sufficient contributions have been received to make the visit/activity financially viable. If it is not considered viable, it will be cancelled and all contributions will be refunded. In cases of financial hardship, any requests for the contribution to be waived will be treated sympathetically, do come and talk to us in confidence if this is the case. As this educational visit/activity is taking place in school hours, we are not permitted by law (Education Act 1996) to exclude from such a visit/activity children of parents choosing not to contribute to the cost. You can pay for these trips by cheque, with cash or online.

Yours faithfully

Miss Oggelsby and Mrs Rogers

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Name of child.....Class

I give permission for my child to take part in the visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor/ Indian Dance workshop

I have paid £26 towards the cost of this trip on line/or cash into the school office in a named envelope. (Please delete as appropriate)

(If you have not registered to pay for trips/dinners/swimming on line please contact the office for a log in.)

Signed.....Parent/Carer Date