

30th September 2011

Dear Parents,

Throughout Key Stage 2, our children learn about all major world religions and how they impact the diverse society in which we live.

This term, as part of our 'Take a closer look' topic, Year 4 will be visiting the Shri Venkateswara Balaji Hindu Temple in Tividale to support their understanding of the Hindu tradition. This is a valuable visit for all our pupils as it enables them to observe how Hindus worship and live, and see this amazing construction right here in the Midlands. Furthermore, this trip will support the work we will be doing across the curriculum, particularly in Literacy.

We are going on Tuesday 22nd November and will be having our lunch there. In order to respect the temple's wishes, please can you ensure that you send your child with an entirely vegetarian lunch, **(no meat or fish please)** and a drink of squash or water. Also, your child will be given the opportunity to sample some food which is cooked at the temple. This will be vegetarian and usually consists of rice and a poppadom. Unfortunately, we will be unable to guarantee whether this food will be nut free, therefore please indicate on the slip if this is to be avoided.

School uniform will be worn for the trip. As a mark of respect, we will be required to remove our shoes and socks when we are in the temple; therefore it is advisable that girls wear socks rather than tights. Could you also ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat with them. We will be leaving at 9.00am and hope to be back for 2.00pm, so you will be able to collect your child at 3.30pm. We have a limited number of places for parents to accompany us on the trip. If you would like to accompany us on the trip, please indicate below.

As you are aware, this year trips are being priced individually rather than paying £50.00 for the year. The cost for this trip is £5.00 per child.

Please complete and return the slip below by **Friday 15th October**.

Many thanks.

Ros Long, Jonathan Hyde and Catherine Helm

I give permission for to come on the trip to the Temple.

My child has the following dietary needs :

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I enclose a £5.00 contribution towards the cost of this visit.

Please can school supply a packed lunch.

I would like to accompany you on this trip.

Signed