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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term in Religious Education, the Year 3 children will be learning all about Holi. **Holi** is a Hindu spring festival in India and Nepal, also known as the "festival of colours" or the "festival of love". The festival signifies the victory of good over evil, the arrival of spring, end of winter, and for many a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair broken relationships, and is also celebrated as a thanksgiving for a good harvest.

Holi celebrations start on the night before Holi with a Holika bonfire where people gather to participate in religious rituals in front of the bonfire. The next morning is celebrated as Rangwali Holi - a free-for-all carnival of colours, where participants play, chase and colour each other with dry powder and coloured water.

To make the learning memorable for our children, during the **afternoon of Wednesday 4th March**, we will be putting on our own festival of colours. During the festival, the children will take part in the carnival of colours. Therefore, we are asking **all the children to bring in a change of old clothes and shoes** that you do not mind being covered in washable powder paint. The children will also be wearing goggles during this activity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Best wishes,

Emily Cooper

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