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Dear Parents and Carers,

Diwali, or the festival of lights, is a religious festival celebrated by Hindus, Jains, and Sikhs; it is a time to celebrate the triumph of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. This year, the festival falls on Monday 20th October. As we have a well-established and growing number of our community who celebrate this religious festival, we would like to join in the celebrations as a school.

Some of the ways in which Diwali is typically celebrated is by dressing in traditional clothing, lighting the inside and outside of homes with rows of lamps or other lights, and fireworks. Unfortunately, we are unable to facilitate the lamps and fireworks (for obvious reasons) but we would love to give all children the opportunity to wear brightly-coloured clothes. For those children who celebrate this festival, we would love, as usual, to give you the opportunity to wear their **traditional clothing** to school as it's always a special pleasure to see children traditionally dressed.

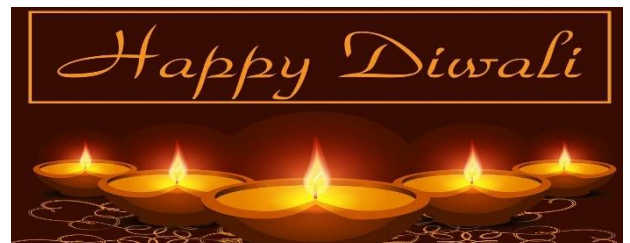
I am also putting out a plea to all adults, for whom this is a special celebration. Could you please come and share with us too? Perhaps you could read a book to your child's class or year group; perhaps you are brave enough to read a story to the whole-school during assembly? We would really love that! Please get in touch with your child's class teacher or the school office if you are able to come and share with us.

For children in classes 5H; 4I; 3I and 6I, who have PE that day, please come to school in your bright/traditional clothes and bring your PE kit to change into.

We are very much looking forward to this special occasion and would like to wish all of those in our community who celebrate this religious festival a very Happy Diwali.

Kind regards

Mrs. Anglin
Headteacher



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