



8<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE/HOLI DANCE CELEBRATION DAY**  
**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019**

We are having a fantastic learning day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May where we will be celebrating the diversity of our culture whilst keeping in mind the DSAT's nominated charity, Asha. In classes, children will be celebrating their learning in different ways.

We have invited a Bollywood Dance company in to work with our children from Years 1-6. They will learn about this festival and also learn a dance. We will then be able to celebrate this learning with all of the parents and carers at the end of the day as we will perform this collectively to you at 2:45pm in the school playground. As part of this celebration, it is a tradition to throw different paint colours. These colours will be provided by the dance company.

If you would like your child to take part in the Holi Dance celebration, we are asking for a contribution of **£2.50 per child; please log onto ParentPay no later than Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May to give consent and make payment;** if you are happy for your child to take part in the day and the group dance but **do not** wish you child to be involved in the throwing of the colours – please ensure that you say no to the relevant question on the payment item.

If you would like your child to take part in the colour throwing, your child will need to bring in a change of clothing which you do not mind the children getting covered with the colours or possibly damaged. We have been advised that the colours will come out, however, due to many different properties of materials, this may not be the case.

There will also be an opportunity for parents and carers to throw the colours too, so everyone can celebrate this amazing celebration day with the children! I have also attached an example of this day from a school in Suffolk, so you can see what fun the children are going to have.

As this is going to be a spectacular event, I would like to invite the Leicester Mercury in to take photos, but I cannot guarantee they will be able to come, so fingers crossed! If you do not wish your child to be included in any Leicester Mercury photographs, please confirm this in writing to the school office via email no later than Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at office@dsatredlands.org.

If you have any questions that you would like answered, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Ball  
Deputy Headteacher



*Youngsters from Phoenix St Peter Academy primary school celebrate the festival of Holi by holding a Bollywood dancing session. Bollywood dancer, Kalpesh Zalavadiya.*

A touch of India hit the east coast as primary school pupils were treated to a special dance workshop.

Broadening children's horizons culturally, youngsters at Phoenix St Peter Academy in Lowestoft enjoyed a whole school Bollywood dance.

In recent weeks pupils have been learning about different religions from around the world, as they continue a "really successful journey" through the Horizon curriculum. And last Tuesday the school in Enstone Road welcomed Kalpesh Zalavadiya – the founder of K'z Dance Entertainment Ltd – as the professional dance trainer worked with pupils from all classes in a series of 45-minute workshops, which culminated in an end of school display outside.

Stephany Hunter, deputy head, said: "We have had a really successful journey through our new Horizon curriculum during the Spring term. The Horizon curriculum develops a wide range of skills that supports us to broaden our knowledge and understanding of the world around us; preparing us for the future."

And with the children "broadening their horizons throughout their learning," the youngsters began a new unit this week as they learn about different countries and how cultures and traditions shape them.

Part of this was the Bollywood dance workshop, which also celebrated the Hindu festival, Holi, that is known widely as the festival of colour and marks the arrival of spring. With paint throwing and dancing prominent during the Holi festival, Miss Hunter said: "During the morning all groups had a workshop where they learnt a dance routine, which the whole school performed in the afternoon."



With the parents invited into school to watch the youngsters perform the Bollywood dance to the song Jai Ho, there was a round of applause for the youngsters' skills before the parents were encouraged to join in.

Mr Zalavadiya said: "They loved the dancing. I go to lots of schools in London, have been to Norwich, but this is the first time in this town – bringing Bollywood to Lowestoft."

At the end of the performance there was just enough time to colour each other's faces in powder paint, before a brief hailstorm brought the entertainment to a close.