

6th January 2009

Dear Parents

As part of our RE work on sacred places this term we have arranged for the children in Year 3 to visit a Hindu Temple in Southampton.

The Hindu Temple and Community Centre is run by a religious, social and cultural organisation called the Vedic Society. The name derives from the sacred texts of the Hindu tradition which are known as the Vedas. The Vedic Society was established in Southampton in 1971. The Temple was completed in 1984 and, together with the Community Centre, serves the local Hindu community. The Temple welcomes all visitors and for many years has made school groups welcome. The Vedic Society members have been prepared to help both children and adults understand the function and purpose of the Temple and the Hindu way of life.

The visit will take place on Monday, 19th January, leaving school at 9.05am and returning by 12.10pm in time for lunch. The timing of our visit will allow the children to observe the worship. Travel will be by coach. School uniform must be worn and the children will be asked to remove their shoes before entering the Main Temple.

The cost of this visit is £4.00 per child. Please complete the form below and return by Thursday, 15th January.

We look forward to an enjoyable day.

Yours sincerely

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Swanmore Primary School
Y3 VISIT TO HINDU TEMPLE, SOUTHAMPTON

Child's Name Class

I give permission for my child to take part in the above visit and enclose £4.00 to cover the cost of the visit.

Signed (parent) Date