

We aim to be with you no later than 08:00hrs. Upon arrival we would like to have five minutes to brief the staff involved in the morning workshops and to check the resources provided by the school.

### Resources to be provided by the school

#### Assembly:-

- OHP or Data Projector
- Screen
- Cassette/CD player

#### Diwali Workshops 1 and 2 (5 and 6 optional).

##### For each workshop you will need:-

- 3 adults (1 must be a teacher).
- A sheltered outside area for mark making.
- All other resources required for these workshops will be supplied by The Parrotfish Company.

#### Diwali Shadow Puppet Workshops 3 and 4.

##### For each workshop you will need:-

- 1 sheet of A4 drafting paper (BEST quality tracing paper) per child.
- 1 pencil per child.
- 1 A4 laminating pouch per child.
- 1 pair of scissors per child.
- 1 school laminator in good working order.
- A selection of at least 35 coloured board markers (thick felt tip pens).
- 4 rolls of sticky tape.
- 1 (or 2 if available) overhead projectors (OHP).
- 3 adults (1 must be a teacher). More TA's or parent helpers are a welcome addition as their assistance will enhance the children's experience.

We can provide the tracing paper and laminating pouches at a cost of 15p per child. If you would like us to do so, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN ADVANCE.

The cost of a Diwali Workshop is £395 excluding VAT.

Expenses, where applicable, are charged at cost and agreed in advance.



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## Diwali Day

For a Hindu or Sikh child Diwali, the festival of light, is as exciting as a birthday, Christmas and fireworks night rolled into one.

At the end of this full day workshop each child will have learnt the story of Diwali, be able to identify and name the main characters, and have experienced many of the activities enjoyed by Hindu and Sikh children during Diwali.



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### 09:05 - 09:40 Diwali Assembly - Whole School

The assembly will open with sacred Hindu music and will take your children on a journey to Nepal in late October for the enchanting festival of Diwali.

With photographs on the OHP we will tour Kathmandu, a city twinkling with tiny clay divas. We'll see children making colourful rangoli patterns; Holy cows wondering the streets adorned with garlands of marigolds; and as the festival reaches its climax, we'll end the tour of this wonderful city with a thrilling display of fireworks.

**09:45 - 10:50 Diwali Workshop 1** (Up to 35 children)

**11:00 - 12:05 Diwali Workshop 2** (Up to 35 children)

The content of these two sessions will vary according to the age and needs of the children and the time that is available. We hope that each child will:

- Learn how to use a Hindi calendar to determine the date of Diwali.
- Be shown comics which children read to learn the story of Diwali from the epic Ramayana.
- Learn how to identify Rama from the many other Hindu gods.
- Act out the rituals of puja (Hindu prayer).
- Learn how to make a traditional diva and wick.
- Use coloured chalks to form a beautiful rangoli pattern.
- Be shown how a traditional diva is lit.

**NB Children will not be involved in any form of worship.**

We will need three adults (one must be a teacher) to assist the children during these morning workshops.

**13:05 - 14:05 Diwali Shadow Puppet Workshop 3** (Up to 35 children)

**14:10 - 15:10 Diwali Shadow Puppet Workshop 4** (Up to 35 children)

In these two workshops children will work together in groups of five to develop their knowledge gained through having read the story of Diwali.\*\* They will make their own set of shadow puppet characters to retell the story of Diwali.

\*\* We will send a user friendly, simple version of the story of Diwali a couple of weeks before the workshop day. We ask that it is read to or by the children before our arrival.

We will need three adults (one must be a teacher) to assist the children during these afternoon workshops. **More TA's or parent helpers will be a welcome addition as their assistance will enhance the children's experience.**

### Additional Workshops (optional)

Many schools take up our offer of borrowing the resources used in the morning workshops to run two additional workshops in the afternoon. These workshops will be led by your staff who have learned the skills during the morning sessions.

**13:05 - 14:05 Diwali Workshop 5** (Up to 35 children led by school staff)

**14:10 - 15:10 Diwali Workshop 6** (Up to 35 children led by school staff)

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In addition to the whole school assembly, **up to 210 children** can participate in this fascinating and memorable Diwali Day.

