

## Hindu Day

Krishna and Indri from *Hinduism Education Services* treated us to a vibrant and engaging day of activities and discussion concluding with a colourful Hindu Wedding attended by the whole Academy. The day was designed to support our learning about different faiths in RE. The Lions are thinking about why Hindus want to collect good karma? How the story of Rama and Sita inspires Hindus to follow their dharma is the focus in the Leopards. The Jaguars had a wide-ranging discussion with Indri who was impressed with the depth and quality of their questions. They are considering the spiritual pathways to moksha in Hindu scriptures. Questions about how Brahman and Atman influence the way a Hindu lives, are the focus of the Cougars. Mrs Johnson kindly shared her expertise and passion for India with the Kittens and Tigers who were enthusiastic guests at the wedding, along with the Panthers – all dressed in saris and turbans. Apart from the wedding, activities included storytelling, dressing up in traditional dress, dancing the Dandiya Rasa and other activities related to Hindu worship, culture, values, and lifestyle.

Our Hall was transformed into a Hindu temple or **Mandir** and we all enjoyed a fascinating and authentic day of learning.

Thank you to everyone who has paid the £1.85 contribution to help us fund this visit - there is still time to pay if you haven't! Thank you



## Athlete Visit



A reminder about our athlete visit on Wednesday 13th February. Please return your child's sponsor form together with any money raised by Wednesday 6th February 2019.

We are asking for £2 minimum sponsorship money per child to cover the cost of the athlete's visit. All pupils will take part in a fitness circuit run by Laura Samuel. Thank you.

## Lining up

You may have noticed that children now line up in register order. We also expect them to face the front, stay in their lines and be silent as they walk into school. This means there are no disputes or confusion about what order they line up in and everyone is calm and ready to learn as they go into school. Feedback has been very positive, with teachers reporting a positive impact and children saying that they like knowing where they will be in the line.

## Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 5th February	3.30pm	Year 4 Whitwell Hall Meeting
Thursday 7th February	9.00am	Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament
Wednesday 13th February	9.00am	Athlete Visit
Friday 15th February	3.15pm	School closes for half term

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