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Learning God's Way

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Dear Parents and Carers,

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

This year, we will be holding our annual May Day celebrations on **Wednesday 21st May**.

Children will need to come to school at the normal time wearing their school uniform and will be asked to **bring with them, their clothes for the afternoon in a named bag**. There will be an opportunity for children to change into these outfits at the start of the afternoon.

At 1:20pm, the main school gates will be opened for families and other members of our village community who wish to watch our May Day celebrations. If you are joining us, please make your way up to the top field where you will be joined by the children. Parents are welcome to bring a folding camping style chair to sit on – we do ask that these are set out behind where the children are sitting and not between year groups as this restricts children's views.

At around 1:30pm, the children will process on to the school field and take their seats. At this time, the school gates will be closed - anyone arriving after this time will need to access the school through the main office. Shortly after, the May Queen, King, Prince and Princess will be welcomed to the arena and the dancing will commence from each year group. As well as a more modern style of dance, Year 6 will also be performing some dances around the May Pole.

We anticipate that the dancing should be completed by 2.30pm when the children will remain on the field for a short amount of time to dance freely with their friends. Families and other members of the village community are welcome to stay on the site on the lower playground whilst you are waiting to collect your children at the normal time.

CHILDREN'S DRESS

We ask that parents please arrange for children to bring to school smart, appropriate clothing (flowery dresses, skirt and top, smart shorts and shirts) for May Day which will not restrict their dancing as well as having suitable footwear in which they can dance (no crop tops, football kits or open toed shoes/sandals please). Often children will wear flowers in their hair and may wish to bring button holes to place in their shirts.

WATER AND SUN

The weather can be very changeable so please make sure that your child has their named bottle of water and a sunhat in school on this day as there is no shade on the field. Parents might like to consider supplying their children with sunscreen for them to apply (we would ask that they do not share this with other children because of allergies).

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If it is cold and a bit damp we would hope for the dancing to go ahead. Please send your child into school with a coat if this is likely. If it is heavily raining, the dancing would be postponed until the next suitable dry afternoon, when parents will be informed by ParentMail giving as much notice as possible.

Yours sincerely,
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To develop a life-long love of learning; to grow spiritually and reflect Jesus in our words and action; to foster self-respect and love for others; to provide opportunities for ALL to flourish; to serve our community; to prepare and equip for an ever-changing world.