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10<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Year 1 and 2 parents,

On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, Avanti House Primary will be celebrating Govardhan Puja and Diwali. Govardhana Puja is the day that Lord Krishna lifted Govardhana Hill to protect the inhabitants of Vrindavan. On this day, a hill of sweets is made from food prepared by the devotees, which is then offered to the Deities, and subsequently distributed to everyone. This is known as the "annakuta" ceremony. Cows are honoured as part of the festivities as well.

We would like to warmly invite you to watch the Year 2 Govardhan Puja and Diwali performance of drama, dance and music on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6 pm at Avanti House Primary.

If you are able to attend and if you would like to, please bring snacks to share with all children and parents after the performance (the necessary arrangements such as plates and cups will be available at school). Snacks must be in line with the schools food policy (vegetarian without eggs, garlic, onion, mushroom and nuts). The performance will last approximately 25 minutes followed by Kirtan (devotional music) and snacks.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Many thanks

Mrs Joshi Philosophy Religion & Ethics Co-ordinator

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In order for the school to cater for all those attending we need to know in advance if you are coming. Please complete the slip below and return to school. Access to the event will only be granted to those families who have sent a reply slip.

Many Thanks

Child's name .....

Class.....

I will be attending the Year 2 Diwali performance. Number of people attending .....