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Dear Parents/Carers,

F2 God's Family

In this second half of the Autumn Term, the children will be learning about **Diwali (Hindu festival of light)** & **God's Family**.

They are already aware that they belong to a family at home and now they are experiencing what it means to belong to the school family. Their friends and teachers are becoming increasingly important in their lives.

As we move towards Advent and Christmas we will begin to develop an awareness of our Church family. This is a good time.

You can help at home by:

- Talking to your child about your family.
- Sharing photographs and stories of family members and events the family has shared. These shared times are always very enjoyable.
- Having a friend home for tea or to play.
- Making a point of greeting friends at Church.
- Talking about what the child sees and hears at Church.
- Having a little advent wreath and lighting another candle each week with a prayer.
- Enjoying the rich symbolism of the seasons – point out the advent wreath, the Christmas tree and the crib.
- Talking about the real meaning of Christmas.
- Praying together as a family before bedtime and remembering to say thank you.

Come and speak to us if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Mrs Murphy