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Dear Families,

Please find attached further information regarding the upcoming Country Dancing Festival for Year 2 children. This will take place at John Hanson Community School on Friday 4th July.

What Will Happen on the Day?

We will be walking all Year 2 children over to John Hanson at approx. 11:30am – the children will have a picnic lunch together on the field before the dancing begins. The children will begin dancing at 1pm – all parents will be able to join us at 1pm to watch this.

Where Should I Park?

We do not advise arriving before 12:45pm as the children will still be eating. When you arrive, please use John Hanson's car park and make your way towards reception – there will be overflow parking available on the day. John Hanson are selling drinks and snacks for parents if you would like to buy something whilst watching the children dance.

Do I Need to Provide Lunch?

As the children will not be eating lunch at Balksbury, they will not be able to select a hot meal on this day. Instead, all children will be able to select a Dolce picnic lunch to take with them to John Hanson or bring their own packed lunch. The picnic lunch will be on School Grid for you to order.

How Long Will the Festival Last?

We are currently anticipating that the dancing will last for approx. 90 minutes. After this has taken place, all children will return to the federation and will need to be collected at 3:15pm as normal. Please note that children will not be dancing for the entire 90 minutes – they will be taking part in 4 out of the 12 dances so there will be periods of time when they are having a 'break'.



Can I Take Photographs?

We are happy for you to take photographs on the day, but ask that photographs are kept for personal use and **must not be published on social media** websites. This is to support our families who do not consent for their children's photograph to be shared publicly.



What Happens if it is Raining?

Please note that the Country Dancing festival will not take place if it is raining. If this is the case, and it does get cancelled, we will send out an app message ASAP.

Additional Information

- **On the day, all children will need to come to school wearing: a white polo shirt, a pair of black or grey shorts, and black plimsoles.** We will send PE kits home the day before so that you have these items at home.
- **Your child will need a named water bottle.**
- **If the weather is hot, we would advise applying sun cream at the start of the day.**

Thank you for your ongoing support and for helping us to make the children's last term in the Infant School as exciting and enjoyable as possible – we can't wait for you to see them shine!

Kind regards,

The Year 2 Team