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Dear Parents/Carers

In Religious Education this half term, Year 6 have been learning about Judaism. Some of these lessons have had cross curricular links with History, in terms of the way Jews were treated during World War Two. The children have learnt about the life of Anne Frank and how Jews were banished from many public places and amenities. They have shown a particular interest in this area and a keen interest to learn more.

Therefore as a follow up to these lessons we would like to show Year 6 a film that was released a few years ago titled *'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas.'* This film has a **12A certificate** so we need permission to show it to your child. It is a film that explains how the Jews were sent to concentration camps in Germany after being tricked that it was a worthwhile holiday camp offering many opportunities away from the war.

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas tells the story of a young 8 year old boy, called Bruno. Bruno has to move house because his father, who is a soldier, has been promoted. When Bruno arrives in his new home, the peculiar view in the distance from his bedroom causes him to go exploring beyond his new back garden. Whilst exploring, Bruno discovers the perimeter fence of a concentration camp and meets a new friend, Shmuel. A close friendship develops between the two young boys and throughout the film, Bruno starts to develop some awareness of how Jews are treated at the concentration camp. Bruno questions Shmuel asking him why he is wearing Pyjamas, why he has got a number printed on his pyjamas and why he can't leave. When Shmuel confides in Bruno that his father has gone missing, Bruno volunteers to come inside the concentration camp and help Shmuel find him. This has a devastating outcome for both of the boys and is a very emotive and powerful ending to the film.

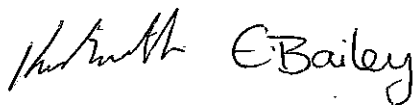
There is a brief scene of mild violence when one of the Jewish slaves is beaten up. However, this all happens behind closed doors and no violence is shown on the screen. The film contains no inappropriate language.



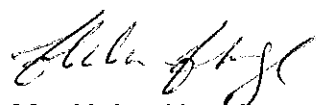
We feel that this film would allow the children to further understand what life was like for the Jews and how concentration camps had many devastating outcomes. Hopefully this outline gives you an indication to the content of this film and you are able to make a decision as to whether you wish your child to watch this film in school. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher prior to this taking place. If you do not wish your child to watch this film, alternative arrangements will be made for them.

We will be watching the film on Monday 30 June 2014. Therefore, could you please indicate on the slip below if you allow or don't allow your child to watch The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas which has a certificate 12A and return the slip to school by Wednesday 25 June 2014.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Smith / Mrs E Bailey
Class Teachers



Mrs Helen Hough
Headteacher

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From Parents/Carers ofClass.....

I do give permission for my child to watch The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

I do not give permission for my child to The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

Signed..... Parent/Carer