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Dear Parents & Carers,

YEAR 5 FILM VIEWING – *HIDDEN FIGURES*

We are excited to inform you that next week the children will be starting their next English unit where we will write non-chronological reports based on Katherine Johnson. As part of this, we will be watching the critically acclaimed film *Hidden Figures*. This film will be shown during class time and it has been carefully selected to complement our English topic.

Hidden Figures is an inspiring true story that highlights the contributions of three African-American female mathematicians – Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson – who worked at NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. Despite the challenges of segregation and gender inequality, their remarkable achievements played a pivotal role in NASA achieving the success of John Glenn's orbit around Earth in 1962.

The film provides an excellent opportunity for children to explore Katherine Johnson's life and the importance of diversity and inclusion. These themes align with our school's values and our commitment to fostering an inclusive and respectful learning environment.

The film is rated PG, meaning parental guidance is suggested and we believe the content is appropriate for Year 5 students. Consent to watch PG rated films is included in our multi-purpose consent form and all pupils in Year 5 do currently have consent to view.

However, should you have any questions or concerns about the film, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support in enriching our students' learning experiences.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team