

**Deepavali**, the "**festival of lights**" signifies the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil, and hope over despair. Before Deepavali, homes are cleaned and decorated. On Diwali night, Hindus and Sikhs dress up in new clothes or their best outfit and light up *divas* (lamps and candles) inside and outside their homes. In Singapore, Deepavali is typically marked by a light-up in the Little India district, the heart of the Indian community. Apart from the light-up, other activities such as bazaars, exhibitions and concerts also take place in Little India. On behalf of the School Leaders, we like to wish all our Hindu and Sikh colleagues and children a very happy Deepavali.