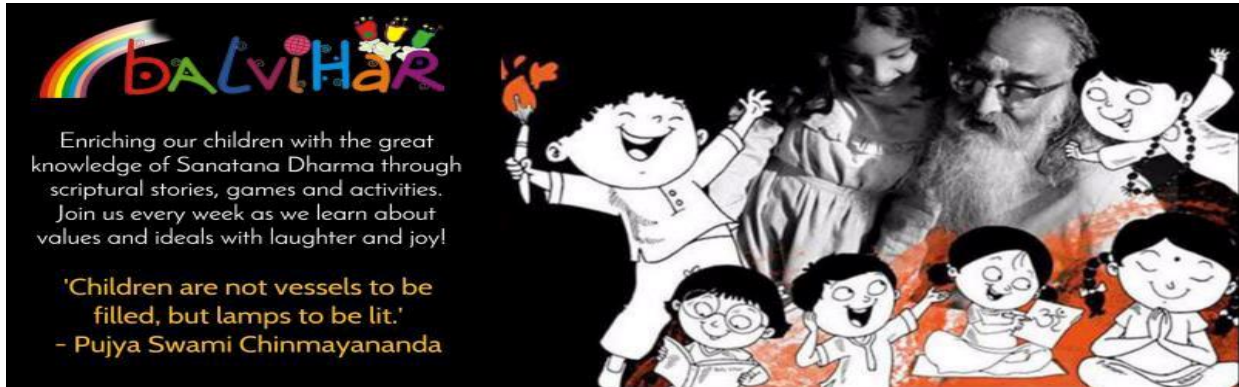


Rules of Conduct



1. The Bala Vihar classes start promptly at the scheduled time. Children are requested to be punctual; they should be seated and ready for Hanuman Chalisa, followed by Arati.
2. Each child and adult students bring their own material, such as a pen, notebook etc. You must avoid exchanging material with other students to comply with health safety guidelines.
3. Children should be attentive and respectful in class, including raising hands and waiting for their turn before speaking.
4. Children should come to class prepared and with their Bala Vihar notebook, textbooks, pencil, and a box of crayons or colored pens (for younger children).
5. Children are expected to exhibit good manners and always maintain discipline. Running in the building or disturbing any books or materials in the classroom is not permitted.
6. Chewing gum, drinks, or food should not be consumed in the classrooms.
7. Use of smart devices (mobile phones, tablets, etc.) is not permitted during any classes. If a child is found using any of those devices, the teacher will take the smart device from the child, and parents will have to collect it from the teacher.
8. Dress code for Bala Vihar Children.
 - Boys: Kurta Pajama or full pants with kurta. No hats, jeans, or shorts.
 - Girls: Salwar Kameez or long skirt with a blouse. Wear a bindi. (Children or youth attending some other activity after Bala Vihar may bring a change of clothes.)

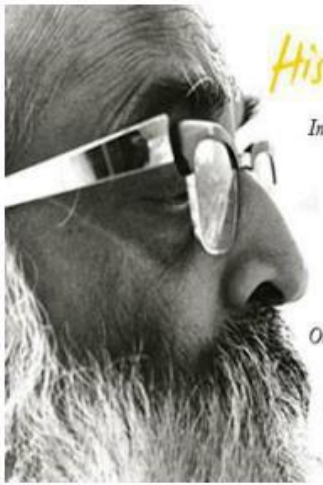
Important Notes for Parents:

1. With the grace of Bhagavan and Sri Gurudev, Bala Vihar instills in children an appreciation of the play of the Divine in our lives. Trained volunteer parent-teachers provide children with a Vedanta-based education emphasizing spirituality and values so that they grow up prepared to lead productive and

- fulfilling lives. Children also learn about India's rich cultural heritage through stories, drama, arts and crafts, and discussion.
2. Both parents (if not at least one parent) must attend the Vedanta Class while the Bala Vihar classes for children are in session. Attendance will be taken during the Vedanta class.
 3. To facilitate effective learning, parents are NOT permitted in class unless pre-arranged with the Teacher and the Bala Vihar Coordinator/Director.
 4. The Bala Vihar Coordinator/Director may routinely attend Bala Vihar classes to evaluate the curriculum and for teacher training.
 5. Once or twice a year, Bala Vihar teachers will hold a parent/teacher conference. The teachers will update parents on class progress and the topics covered. The parent/teacher conference aims to facilitate ongoing parental involvement with the child's learning.
 6. Please bring your children to Bala Vihar classes regularly and on time. To maximize learning and to respect the significant effort teachers put in to prepare for class, please ensure that children attend class regularly and that absences are few and far between and only due to unavoidable reasons such as illness or other emergencies.
 7. Please notify the teacher(s) if your child will be absent before class. In the event of a sudden illness or emergency, please inform the teacher(s) as soon as possible. The telephone numbers and email addresses of teachers provided may be used for this purpose.
 8. If your child has any special needs, don't hesitate to contact the Bala Vihar coordinator before enrolling. This way, you can ensure that the program can or cannot meet the children's needs.
 9. All children should be well rested and have a nourishing meal before attending Bala Vihar. This fosters better learning.
 10. Please ensure children come to class prepared with their Bala Vihar notebook, My Prayers book, and other books in their syllabus, pencil, crayons (for younger children), or colored pens.
 11. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior during the Chinmaya Mission programs. Please teach children to respect the sanctity of the facility by maintaining silence during these programs, not running in the building, dropping trash in trash cans, putting books and games away, etc.
 12. At home, please help children practice and memorize assembly prayers they learn in class.
 13. Feel free to discuss your child's progress or needs, or any concerns or questions you may have, with the Bala Vihar teacher(s) or Coordinator. We encourage and value parental involvement and input.
 14. Each classroom needs at least two parent volunteers to help organize occasional field trips, socials, and other special activities. Don't hesitate to contact the class teacher if you would like to volunteer.

15. The dress code for Bala Vihar is provided above. Parents are encouraged to follow the dress code and set an example for their children. In winter, children are urged to wear sweaters and socks to class.
16. Chinmaya Mission will use email to convey information about schedule changes, other programs, or snow dates. Please inform us if your email address changes.
17. Photographs and Video: Chinmaya Mission may photograph or video record you and your child. Chinmaya Mission may use this digital asset and release them through digital channels such as Chinmaya Mission's website and other communication channels, including email and social media.

Wishing all of you a Blessed and Successful Year of Learning!!!
Thank You and Hari OM!



His spirit lives on.... in the form of a tiny Balavihar centre in an oasis in the middle of an African desert.

In the heart of a young navy officer who is doing his little bit to pass on his knowledge to fellow sailors in his small vessel that braves many an ocean.

In the brilliant mind of a scientist in a top research organization who teaches his fellow researchers the synthesis between science and religion as Gurudev taught it.

In the lonely heart of an aged destitute who has gained new meaning in her last days in a Chinmaya Vanaprastha Samsthan.

On the lips of his disciples who continue to teach and inspire thousands to live as human beings with humane behavior and a divine destination and

In the hands and hearts of thousands who today offer love and service to society but would never have thought of looking beyond themselves if not for the ennobling touch of Gurudev's life and work.