***Deva Gokulam***

Balavihar is Temple’s core mission; should never be outsourced.

Temple Balavihar (Deva Gokulam) will follow an **enhanced Purna Vidya curriculum**.

**Parents are present at these sessions.** Our class rooms are large enough that even with 15 to 20 children, we can have the parents present.

We are taking a **faculty approach to teaching**.

**Meena Thota,** an accomplished music and dance teacher in the area for years will teach and direct chorus singing in the class rooms and in the Sanctum.

Our Priests, **Sri. Badari Narayana and Sri. Sreehari Bhattacharya** will teach performing Pujas and singing Sanskrit Shlokas.

**Dr. Mandar Pattekar** (a medical doctor) and **Dr. Krishnanand Maillacheruvu** (professor at Bradley University) have taught Balavihar for the older kids at the Temple for many years and they are at ease with younger kids as well.

We have an artist, **Nitya Anand** to help children with arts and crafts.

**Elders Involvement**: Bradley Professor **Prasad Shastry** and his wife **Sunita Shastry** have been with Temple Balavihar for years and have been closely associated with Purna Vidya/ Arsha Vidya Gurukalam. **Ratna Babu** has offered to teach Gita Chanting and Sanskrit

**Youth Involvement**: We have youth staff members working with elder staff to make the interface with children seamless.

Yoga teacher, **Arundathi**. A runner with 200 hours of Yoga Teacher training at Rishikesh Yog Peeth, Rishikesh

The author of the Purna Vidya program, **Sri. Dhira Chaitanya** from Arsha Vidya Gurukalam is our consultant.

Parents are our partners; they assist every way to make Temple Balavihar measure up to the expectations of Deva Gokulam.