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Dear Parents and Carers

Oaklands is one of the most diverse school communities in Hampshire, with students and staff from many different cultural backgrounds. This is something that we started marking and celebrating in a special way in our 'Cultural Week'. This year, our Cultural Week will be during the final week of the half term, 16th – 20th October.

Many of the lessons that students will attend during the week will help them explore an aspect of culture and will also emphasise the importance of recognising our cultural heritage. Each day, our Catering Team will provide a dish from a different part of the world for students to try in the Canteen.

The highlight and end of the week will be on Friday 20th October, when students and staff will attend a performance including song, dance and 'catwalk' showcasing different cultures in our school.

This year, we will be holding an **evening performance** of the show and would like to invite families and friends to come along and celebrate our cultural diversity with us. This will take place in the Hall on **Friday 20th, starting at 6.30pm and finishing around 8.00pm**. There will be no charge for the show, but donations can be made to St John's School in Korogocho, Kenya.

As you are aware, Friday 20th October is a non-uniform day and so our usual guidance applies – we are collecting a £2 donation per student which can be either be paid in cash to your child's Form Tutor or via your child's ScoPay account. Money raised will be also be sent to St John's School in Korogocho.

To mark the end of our Cultural Week, students are encouraged to wear their cultural dress on Friday if they have one and would like to.

A full report on the week's events and activities will be in the next edition of Oaklands News.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Quinn
Headteacher

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