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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 mark and celebrate in a special way in our 'Cultural Week'. This year, our Cultural Week will be during the final week of this half term, 19 - 23 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. Our Catering Team will also provide some dishes from different parts of the world for students to try in the Canteen.

The highlight and end of the week will be on Friday 23 October, when students and staff will attend a performance including song, dance and 'catwalk' showcasing different cultures in our school.

We will also 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 23 October, starting at 5.00pm and finishing around 6.30pm**. There will be no charge for the show, but donations can be made to support our work with St John's Primary School in Korogocho, Kenya. There will be a collection at the door.

As you may be aware, Friday 23 October is also a non-uniform day and 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.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Bonnington
Head of School

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