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Friday 15th September 2023

International Day & Bring a Dish: Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Here at Brookland, we are incredibly proud to be a school that has families from different countries, cultures and religions. To recognise and celebrate the different cultures, we will be having an **International Day at school on Friday 29th September.**

There will be three main elements to this day.

Firstly, children will be learning about different countries from around the world during the day.

Secondly, we are encouraging children to come dressed in traditional (national) clothes that represent their culture and religion or traditional clothes from a country they may have visited or find particularly interesting.

Finally as part of our International Day, we are going to hold a "Bring a Dish" event on Friday 29th September after school at 3.10pm and we welcome you all to bring your national dish and then come and taste and try the different food on offer. Some of you may remember us doing this from last year. We are asking children and you to bring in dishes/snacks to share with others that either represents their culture or is a traditional dish that they simply enjoy! We will have cards available to signpost from which country the food hails from.

Please can we ask that any food you are sending in with your child be brought to the school hall on the morning of Friday 29th September. We will open the side hall doors from 8:25am. Please clearly label with your child's name and class on any containers you wish to be returned. Please be aware that fridge space in school is very limited so any items that need to be chilled or served hot / warm might be better arriving later in the day from 2:15pm. In addition, we will be unable to reheat or cook any contributions.

All the food donated will be set out for all our families to come and enjoy at 3:10pm.

We hope (weather permitting) following feedback and the wonderful response we have had in the past to be able to hold the event outside in the small playground at the front of the school. In the unfortunate event of rain, we will use the main hall. If we are inside, the only entrance and exit for all those attending will be the hall fire doors.

We are a nut free school so any dishes you donate/cook must be without nuts. We have children and adults in our school community with severe nut allergies. As a school, we cannot take responsibility for the content and preparation of donated foods and ask you to supervise your children at the event.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together as a community to celebrate the beginning of the new academic year.

In the past, we have had a vast array of food from all parts of the world and we are sure that this year will be no different. Our families have truly 'gone to town' to showcase food from their cultures and we are sure this year will be no different.

This event has always been well supported and greatly enjoyed. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible dressed up and enjoying the food at the end of the school day.

If you do have any questions or want to ask anything about bringing in a dish, then please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Coombs who is leading on this event.

As always, your support is very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

M. Barton

Mrs Barton
Headteacher