## **King Athelstan Primary School**

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Dear Families, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Wednesday 4th June will see the return of International Day at King Athelstan. We will once again be celebrating the rich diversity that makes this school such a special place. This event was one of the highlights of the calendar in previous years and we need your help to make this year even better.

On International Day this year, our learning will be focussed on songs from different cultures. Over the next few weeks, your child will be learning a song in another language that they have chosen as a class. On the 4<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding a **Eurovision World Edition** competition. Each class will record/film themselves singing their song and we will all judge and score each other's songs. At the end of the day we will hold a live final and the winning class will win a prize!

International Day will be a **non uniform day** and children are encouraged to wear traditional clothes from their country or colours of the flag of the country their song is from. If your child has PE on that day, please make sure they are wearing something suitable for PE or that they bring a change of shoes.

## **International** Market

We need volunteers to make and serve food for the "International Market" that will again take place after school in the Key Stage 1 playground. The time, effort and skill that went into the many dishes provided in previous years was evident in the delicious food available (see photos below). We need volunteers to commit to providing tasty food for the market which will then be sold to all. It would be great to have many different dishes from around the world, so please do consider working together with other families to represent your country or culture. All proceeds generated from the sale of your delicious food will be donated to the King Athelstan PCSA. We would also like to have some traditional music playing at the International Market.

Some key things to remember if you are running a food stall:

- Please no pork or products with nuts in
- Please portion your food before you come if you are able. If it is food that needs to be served in a container, we can provide a few but you would need to bring serving spoons, cake slices etc.
- Please provide a small poster saying the name of the dish, what ingredients have been used and the price per portion (usually 50p or £1)
- Choose a table, set up your food stall and then serve your food to the customers that way you can tell people about the food and what it means to you and your culture
- Arrive at school on 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2.55pm so that you have time to set up your stall











On the day, we kindly ask families to wait until the market opens at 3.20pm so that we can safely check children have been collected before the feasting begins. You are very welcome to bring a chair or blanket and sit in the (hopefully!) sunshine and enjoy your food. Thinking of the environment, if you are able to bring your own container to take your food away in that would be appreciated as well.

If you are able to make food or play traditional music at the International market please complete the Google form here or contact the office on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org











## Window to a World

We are also looking forward to celebrating our different cultures with the children's 'Window to a World' project. This is your chance to think about who you are and where you and your family come from. Alternatively it could be a fantastic opportunity to find out about another country. It could be somewhere you've been on holiday or it could be your favourite international football team's home. We would like you to imagine that you are looking through a window in a country of your choice. What buildings would you see? What would the climate be like? What clues could you put on the windowsill to tell people what country they are in? We would like you to make the window (no bigger than a cereal box) and bring it to your classroom in the week beginning Monday 2nd June (after half-term). Your teacher will display it along the windows in your classroom and there will be a prize for the best window. On the back of the window please write down the country your window represents, along with your name and class.

## Storytime

We would also like to ask staff, parents/carers and children who speak another language to record a video of themselves reading a picture book in that language. Each class will watch a **video story** and try to decode what the story is about. The winning story will also receive a prize. You can submit the video via Google classroom assignments which will be open next week.

If you are able to record a video please complete the Google form here.

Please join us for this celebration of the languages, cultures and food that make King Athelstan great. Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Claire Bailey

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