



25 June 2010

INTERNATIONAL WEEK: 27TH SEPTEMBER – 2ND OCTOBER 2010

Dear Parent,

Just over two years ago we held an extremely successful and stimulating International Week, and we are planning to do something very similar towards the beginning of next term. Throughout the week there will be many special activities and lessons with an international aspect. We have already started to make arrangements for visiting speakers, musicians and workshop leaders.

Saturday 2nd October will be the real carnival day of the week's activities and this is where we need your help and involvement. The evening begins with an International Concert in the Theatre, which if anything like previous occasions, will be talked about for weeks afterwards because of the variety, talent and professionalism on display. This is immediately followed by 'Food from Around the World' where everyone is invited to wander around tables in the school dining room dedicated to a different country and to taste traditional foods from that part of the world.

We would really like you to think about whether there is something you could offer. Perhaps you have links with a country that could be represented, bringing some food or making a traditional dish. Perhaps you have no personal link but your pizza, lasagne, Irish stew, goulash or tiamisu tastes very authentic. Perhaps you have a source of traditional English cheese or cake recipes. Perhaps you are not able to provide any food but you would be willing to help set things up or serve the food supplied by others. Perhaps your skill is in clearing away and washing up. In previous years a group of friends have got together to cover a country, decorated the table appropriately and even dressed in national costume. We really need lots of people involved if the event is to be successful and enjoyable.

The Parents' Association will again be co-ordinating the Saturday events and some of its members will contact all those who offer any kind of assistance.

If the entire week is to be a real success we need the support and involvement of as many people as possible, and especially those with cultural links beyond the United Kingdom. We are aware that some Bablake families have family ties with Poland, Ukraine, the United States, Greece, India, Pakistan, Lebanon, Iran, Vietnam, China, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Eire, Nigeria, the West Indies, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and many other places around the world. This is an occasion where we can find out more about these countries, their traditions, food and culture, whilst at the same celebrating our own cultural heritage and land of family origin – and that includes England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We very much hope that every Bablake family will try to become involved in one way or another.

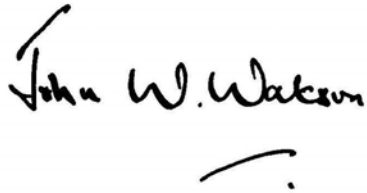
Could we ask you to spend a few minutes of your valuable time to do four things?

- We would be very grateful if you would complete the form printed overleaf and return it to school at the earliest opportunity.
- Please mark Saturday 2nd October in your diary and calendar.
- Consider whether you could offer to prepare some food for the evening.
- As we will be holding a raffle to help with the cost of speakers, dancers and musicians during the week, please consider whether you or anyone you know would be able to offer a raffle prize that has an international connection – restaurant voucher, cultural experience or gift for example. We are especially keen to have some prizes that would appeal to our pupils.

It is sometimes rather too easy to become so concerned with our bit of the world that we forget to look at the wider perspective. Within Bablake we try to help students see themselves as global citizens as well as responsible and valuable members of British society. We also hope that students will value the traditions and heritage of those with family ties and backgrounds from other places around the world and within the United Kingdom. We hope that the week will encourage students to think about, respect and value their own heritage and cultural background as well as those of others. More information will follow about the week, and we hope you will agree that it deserves your support. It promises to be a very exciting and colourful celebration.

I look forward to receiving your completed form and thank you for the time taken to complete it. It would help us if you could return the completed form as soon as possible, either to the school office or to Mr Mellers, who will be co-ordinating the activities. His e-mail address is cm@bablake.coventry.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



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Bablake Senior School



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Headmaster
Bablake Junior School

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Please complete the details below and return to the School Office or Form Tutor
or e-mail to : cm@bablake.coventry.sch.uk

Would you be able to provide or help cook food for the Saturday evening? Yes

Please indicate what dish you could provide and from which country. You may even be willing to arrange a whole table of food from one country - with a bit of help from friends of course!

Would you be able to assist on the Saturday evening? Yes

Setting out chairs, welcoming guests, serving food, clearing away, ...

Do you, or anyone you know, have any talents which might be included in the Concert on the Saturday evening? If so, please give details. Yes

Have you any ideas, contacts or suggestions that may make the week a success? Yes

Name of person completing these details: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Son / Daughter's Name: _____ Form: _____

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Senior School