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Dear Parents/ Carers,

You may recall an earlier letter asking you to save the date for a school community Iftar event. I am pleased to share the details of this event with you now.

The month of Ramadan is a time when Muslim people fast. Each evening at sunset the fast is broken and the Iftar meal then takes place. This year, Ramadan starts on the evening of Tuesday 17th February. We are inviting children and their parents/ carers to be part of this event. This is open to all children and their parents/ carers of our school including those who are not Muslim as the aim is to share the Iftar together.

The event will take place in the school hall on **Wednesday 4th March**. We ask that people arrive from 5:30pm for a PROMPT start at 5:50pm where there will be a brief presentation outlining the significance of Ramadan and Iftar. The fast will end by eating dates or drinking water. Some people will then pray (please bring your own prayer mats) and then we will eat together.

Families are asked to bring a dish of food that would be enough for you and your family that can be shared. All food needs to be Halal or vegetarian. **No nuts, pork-based products or alcohol are to be brought.** Please label your food and include its country of heritage if it is a traditional dish. Typical European food is also very welcome. If you are unable to provide food, you are still very welcome to attend.

There will be no charge for this event however, should you wish to make a donation, there will be a collection box where any money collected will be donated to a named charity. Further details of this charity will follow.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. If your child and you would like to be part of this, please confirm your place via Parent Pay by Wednesday 11th February. Please note that due to fire regulations, we are limited to a maximum of 150 attendees.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Thorlby

