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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER

Throughout October, our school will be celebrating **Black History Month**, an important opportunity for students to learn about, recognise and celebrate the achievements, contributions and experiences of Black individuals and communities throughout history and in modern society.

Students will take part in a variety of engaging activities across the month, including:

- Educational lessons and discussions linked to Black history and culture
- Interactive quizzes and challenges
- Creative competitions with opportunities to win prizes
- Assemblies and awareness-raising activities
- Displays showcasing influential Black figures and their achievements

As part of our celebrations, during the final week of October, students will also have the opportunity to **sample a range of cultural foods**, allowing them to explore and appreciate the rich diversity of cuisines from different cultures and traditions.

Upon our return after half term, we will be coming together in celebration of **Black Excellence** with a special event:

Kings of Influence

A Celebration of Black Male Leaders in Our School and Wider Community

We are delighted to invite parents, carers and members of our wider community to join us for an evening of **music, food and awards**, as we recognise and celebrate the positive influence, achievements and contributions of Black male role models and leaders.

Date: Thursday 26 November 2026

Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Further details regarding this event will be shared closer to the date, but we encourage you to save the date and join us for what promises to be a memorable and inspiring evening.

We look forward to celebrating Black History Month and Black Excellence with our students, families and wider community.

Yours faithfully,

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