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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH OCTOBER 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have not celebrated BHM for a number of years and the reason for this has been quite simple: we didn’t want it to be tokenistic.

We have done a lot of work on our curriculum and how we can provide an honest historical appraisal, considering race and diversity throughout history and geographically too. Of course, we still have a long way to go but, in line with our Equity, Equality and Diversity Policy and Scheme (on our website) we want to ensure that we provide our children with a history that is representative of all ethnicities and celebrate achievements of all backgrounds.

Black History Month will not dominate our learning in October. However, we will spend some time raising awareness and celebrating people’s achievements throughout history and indeed today (in an age-appropriate way of course), so please do get involved with any talk homework that will be coming your way!

Thanks for your support in providing our children with an education that is holistic, thought-provoking and fully in line with our school values of kindness, pride, happiness, resilience, respect and responsibility.

Go to <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/> for more details and even the backing of our Prime Minister on its importance!

As always, talk to us if you have any queries or concerns.

All the best,

***Simon Parker and Mark Doherty***

Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher