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Dear Parents and Carers,

October is the time at Hazeldene when we focus on Black History Month. This is a special time where we promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage.

Through assemblies and class work we will help children understand the meaning of Freedom- October's value of the month. We will reflect on examples through black history where discrimination and racism have had a significant impact on the lives of black people. We will celebrate the similarities and differences between one another, the importance of respect as a basis for friendship and explore Hazeldene's core values and British values. We will celebrate the lives of positive black role models in society. We will explore our Black History work in a sensitive and appropriate manner for the age group of the children.

We thought it would be really good to extend our work in school with some follow up activities at home. Here are some suggestions:

- Visit the statue bust of Sir Trevor Huddleston in Silver Street (near the large Silver Faces) in Bedford, built to celebrate his friendship with Nelson Mandela.
- Visit the local library and share a reading book relating to the Black History Month theme. Some suggestions can be found on these links:

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/genre/bhm/Black-History-Month.html#>  
<http://www.readingrockets.org/booklist/favorite-books-for-black-history-month>

- Encourage the children to be family history detectives. We would love to hear from your child about their family's heritage. They could create a poster, locate key places on a map, bring in photographs or artefacts, to share with their class that help to tell the story of the history of their family.
- We would like to create a Hazeldene family favourite recipe book reflecting the heritage of our families. Please choose, write/type up the recipe, complete and return with the slip below. We look forward to getting lots of yummy replies!

Thank you for your support. Kind regards,

Mrs Vicky Norman (Key Stage Two Leader)

Family Favourite Recipe

Name \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/ carer's signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to share a favourite recipe that reflects our family heritage. I am happy for this to be added to the Hazeldene Family Favourites Recipe book and shared with other families in printed form or on the website and for my child's first name to be included.

