



## St Nicolas and St Mary Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

As a school, we are keen to promote the importance of diversity within our school and country during Black History Month this October both through focussed teaching activities in the classroom and through extra-curricular experiences. This year we are excited to have booked in a whole day of workshops with 'African Activities' who offer the opportunity to engage with Black and African Culture by sharing superb creative artistic experiences that disrupt preconceptions, create community, drive excellence and break barriers.

All children from Reception to Year 6 will have the chance to take part in a workshop during the school day on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

Reception and Years 1 and 2: **Storytelling**

Children can listen to stories and then work on creating their own. The practitioners bring real life artefacts to help bring the stories to life.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: **Dance**

*Children will need to wear their PE kits for this workshop.*

African dance movement uses professional dancers from some of West Africa's vibrant and diverse traditions. The most popular is the lion dance from Senegal it is a highly energetic and balletic tradition with large movements that are easy to pick up.

In order to cover the cost of the workshops we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1.52 to be paid via Squid by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Helen Woodman (Curriculum Lead) and Victoria Bishop (Assistant Head Teaching & Learning)