



Dear Parents & Carers

We will be holding a raffle & cake sale to raise money for the Sickle Cell charity and in memory of Star Macually, an ex-pupil of John Donne School, who sadly passed away this summer from Sickle Cell.

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** of November in the bottom hall. On **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** of November, we will be holding a cake extravaganza sale also in the bottom hall and we look forward to seeing you there.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** of November, raffle prizes will be drawn and given out during our Celebration Assembly. As part of our on-going Black History Month Celebration, we encourage all pupils to dress in a cultural or traditional outfit on this day, we ask that pupils bring a £1 donation.

All donations will be appreciated and will go to our Sickle Cell fundraising initiative. We thank you in advanced for your support and generosity.

#### What is Sickle Cell?

Sickle cell is a disorder of the haemoglobin in the red blood cells.

- SCD is inherited from both parents; sickle cell trait is inherited from one parent.
- SCD can affect anyone, although it predominantly affects people from African and Caribbean backgrounds.
- Approximately 1 in 79 babies born in the UK carry sickle cell trait.
- Approximately 15,000 people in the UK have sickle cell disorder.
- Almost 300 babies are born in the UK with sickle cell each year.
- Children with SCD are at increased risk for stroke, the risk is highest between the ages of 2 and 16.

