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Birthday Celebrations



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are introducing some new guidelines regarding children's birthdays.

- Please be aware that as a school with GDPR at the forefront, we are unable to provide you with lists of pupils for party invitations.
- We are unable to give out party invites in school time as this takes time out of our valuable learning timetable and often leads to upset with groups of children when some are not given an invitation. We are happy to facilitate you to give these out yourself on the playground with your child before and after school and have a 'Birthday Basket' you can use.
- We are also unable to accept cakes or sweets from you to give out in classes. We are making this change for several reasons: Firstly, as I'm sure you are aware many pupils in school have allergies, intolerances and religious reasons for avoiding certain food types. We want to respect this and are conscious that giving out cakes or sweets inevitably means that some pupils in the class are left out of this. Secondly we are a Healthy School and limit the consumption of sweet treats within a term. Finally, the prime focus for staff is providing the excellent education which we pride ourselves on. Time taken away from this, giving out invites, cakes, sweets etc. is unnecessary and takes away from their learning time.

We hope you understand our reasoning and support us with this change. As an alternative we are suggesting that – if you want to give a gift to celebrate your child's birthday – you buy a book for the class to enjoy, perhaps with an inscription inside saying it has been donated by the pupil for their birthday. This would be something that lives on beyond the actual birthday and is treasured by all members of the class. Please also be assured that in our PSHE and SMSC work we include many references to birthdays and celebrations, particularly in EYFS and KS1.

Thanks you for your understanding and support,

Mrs Hackfath

