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Dear Parents/Carers,

Birthday treats for the class

As you know, it has become custom for many parents to ask if their child can share sweets/chocolates with the whole class as a celebration of their child's birthday.

We have reviewed this and after careful consideration, we politely request that 'birthday treats' are no longer brought into school, for the reasons set out below:

- Many confectionary items do not comply with the school's 'No nuts' and 'No sesame' policy and we have a responsibility to safely manage the children with allergies in school.
- This conflicts with the 'healthy eating' message we are promoting to the children and takes choice away from families who would rather their child doesn't eat sugary snacks.
- Disruption at the end of the day, this is a key time for teachers to safely release their pupils and speak to parents.
- To avoid any sense of 'expectation' for children or families that they 'should' bring in 'birthday treats'

We do not intend to cause any upset. When we make any decision in school, we always take account of what we feel is right for our children, staff and families.

We acknowledge that birthdays are special days for children in school and they are often marked in class by singing Happy Birthday. If your child would like to bring in their favourite story on their birthday to share with the class, they are very welcome to do so.

Kind regards,

Ms Claire Jones
Headteacher