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#### Birthday celebrations and treats

Dear Parents and Carers,

In line with the new government expectations in 'Early Years Foundation Stage' and to support the allergy and health needs of a number of our children we will be changing how we celebrate birthdays at school.

In the past some parents have chosen to provide sweet treats for their child's class (although this was not an expectation). However, moving forward, to still make the day special we will focus our celebrations in school as singing happy birthday to them in worship on the nearest Friday, awarding a birthday sticker as well as celebrating the child in their class.

Whilst it is **not** an expectation for any family to provide anything for a child's birthday in school as we are aware of the financial implications, if you would like to send in something to celebrate could we suggest something small e.g., stickers, bubbles, a book to add to the class library. Please do not send in cakes, sweets or chocolates.

Thank you for helping to safeguard our children.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Moss".

Sarah Moss  
Headteacher