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'I can do all things through
Christ who gives me strength'

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Dear Parents,

Birthdays in School

Following on from my letter regarding our focus on healthy food in school, we have also reviewed how we celebrate the children's birthdays when in school from September.

Traditionally parents may choose to send sweets or cakes to share with the children in their child's class, however, due to the new Early Years Framework, we are no longer able to allow sweets and cakes to be bought into school in the Early Years, so we felt it was only fair to review the whole school's approach.

Rather than sweets, we are asking parents to allow school to celebrate the children's special day with them.

We are going to be offering the following non-food-based treats for the children on their special day.

- They can wear their own clothes for the day
- Be the line leader all day
- They will have the class 'birthday' badge to wear all day
- They will receive a card from their class
- They will receive a birthday pencil during Friday worship if their birthday has been during that week.

If a child's birthday falls at the weekend, we will offer them their treat day on the Monday after. If the birthday falls in the school holidays, we will celebrate on the Friday before.

We hope that this approach will ensure that every child feels special on their birthday whilst they are in school. We also hope to reduce some of the financial pressures put on parents to send in treats for the whole class.

Thank you for your support

Yours faithfully

Mrs R. Rought
Headteacher

