

# Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

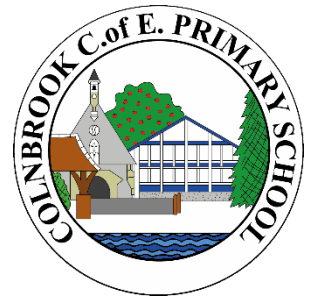
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Dear Parents & Carers,

At school we enjoy marking children's birthdays with them and I know that some of you choose to bring in sweets and cake for their class to enjoy. From this year I would politely request that no sweets or cake are brought into school to mark special occasions or birthdays.

As mentioned in previous correspondence, each family faces their own personal circumstances and, to maintain fairness for all, we don't feel it is appropriate to allow items to be given out at school when some families cannot afford to do this. In addition, many pupils suffer with allergies, particularly nuts and dairy, which can cause serious allergic reactions. As a result, we will no longer allow sweets, chocolate or cakes to be given out in school to celebrate events such as birthdays and politely request that these are not brought into school.

Instead, we plan to celebrate children's birthdays in a different way in school. If your child would like to mark their birthday with their class, may I once again suggest the option of buying a book to donate to the class which they can then share together. We will place a label on the inside cover saying who the book is from and the birthday it was bought to celebrate. Alternatively, you could bring in their favourite book or small non-electronic toy for the day which the children can share. We will also mark children's birthdays in Celebration Worship on Friday mornings where children can blow out a candle and the school will sing 'happy birthday'.

I hope that this will ensure fairness for all children and families. I appreciate your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Brunson'.

**Mr T Brunson**  
Headteacher