

## Children's Birthdays

As you are aware, birthdays are very special occasions for young children.

We have found that parents have different expectations about how their child's birthday should be celebrated at nursery and what they should provide for them. Some parents will bring in a great deal of party snacks, treats and a birthday cake whilst others may not bring anything.

The variation in how the children's birthdays are celebrated is quite noticeable to some of the children. Therefore, we have devised a scheme in order to celebrate children's birthdays fairly and equally.

We ask that instead of bringing cakes and party food into the nursery on your child's birthday, you donate a book or other resource to the nursery, appropriate for children in your child's classroom. Your child's key person will offer you a suggestion of what you can purchase according to the needs and interests of the current children in the room.

In return the nursery will provide a birthday tea party for your child, consisting of a birthday cake with candles and/or healthy birthday snacks, balloons, banners and music/ games.

As well as being a more favourable approach to birthday celebrations the children will benefit from having a more continual intake of new and exciting resources to enjoy.

A short while before your child's birthday your child's key person will give you some suggestions of what would be ideal for their classroom. It could be a case of replacing an old worn out favourite book or providing a resource that is at the top of the room 'wish list!'

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.