

Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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Dear Parent/Carer

TREATS FOR CHILDREN

The school fully acknowledges that sometimes families want to send in treats for such things as birthdays. These are special days for children and are often marked in school by singing 'Happy Birthday' etc. However, as a result of the reasons listed below, we would ask that you refrain from sending in treats to be distributed to the whole class:

- To support the increasing number of children who have allergies with ingredients in cakes, treats and sweets etc. often unclear, particularly when unpackaged;
- To support wishes of those parents who have specifically requested that their child is not given any treats for which they have not given their prior consent;
- To avoid creating a sense of expectation within classes that each child should bring 'birthday treats' to share with their peers.

There may be occasions during the year where the class teacher might provide food items for the children as part of the curricular provision for the class. Examples of these might include home baked produce that the children have been involved in preparing, a fruit party, drinking fruit smoothies, sampling the produce from other countries and some Fairtrade products. You will be informed about these occasions in advance through our termly curriculum guidelines.

If you do have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Yours sincerely

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