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Dear Parent/Carers

Firstly, may I welcome you back to what I am sure will be a very busy year here at Woodside and so I hope you all had a very relaxing summer.

Please can I clarify that no food items, which may or do include nuts of any type, are allowed in school. This is due to an increase in the number of children with severe allergies. This also includes such things as Nutella spread and healthy snack bars with nuts. It is our duty of care to give all children an environment that keeps them healthy whilst at school and would appreciate your support with this.

As a school, we continue to strive to respect our Healthy School policy and in light of this, and the continued focus on children's oral health, we have been considering for some time the issues surrounding 'treats' given out to celebrate birthdays. It has now become very clear, and in light of the various allergies, that the only clear option left to us is to say that we will no longer be excepting treats to be given out. We will of course endeavour to make any child whose birthday it is during term time feel extra special on their day.

I do hope that I can have your full support on these matters in the best interest of all our pupils.

With best wishes

Dorota Milner  
Headteacher

