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Lollipops and Balloons and Nuts

Dear Parents,

I know the children like to bring in birthday treats to share with their class to celebrate their birthdays. This is fine, although not compulsory by any means.

However, I ask that you do not send the following items as they could pose a significant risk to the children. I am not wanting to be alarmist about 'innocent childish' things, but the following items have tragically resulted in fatalities in recent times.

1. **Lollipops:** Risk of stick being pushed down a child's throat, especially if they walk or run about with the lolly in their mouth, resulting in piercing of wind pipe.
2. **Balloons:** Risk of children inhaling the balloon as they try to blow them up.
3. **Nuts:** No snickers or sweets or cakes with nuts. We have a number of children at risk of anaphylactic shock from severe allergy to nuts.

Thank you for your co operation with this. Children will obviously be disappointed if we do not allow these items to be shared on their birthday; to avoid this please send alternative items.

Many thanks

Sian Kilpatrick
Headteacher