



Yardley Wood Community Primary School
"Learning Through Life"

4th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back: we hope you had a lovely break over the summer.

This year, our school is involved in a Poverty Proofing project along with a number of other schools in Birmingham. The aim of this project is to remove financial barriers for those on low incomes when accessing public services such as schools.

As part of this project, we have decided to stop children bringing in sweets / cakes / treats on their birthday. This is something that is a financial burden for a number of our parents as well as being difficult to manage within school due to children with allergies and dietary restrictions.

All children will still be given the opportunity to celebrate their birthday. They will receive a handmade birthday card, have happy birthday sung to them and can wear a birthday crown or badge (provided by school) should they choose to celebrate in this way. We will still make a fuss of your children on their birthday and ensure they have a lovely day without the trouble of you feeling you need to send something in for them to share.

If you have any concerns about this or wish to know more about this project please do come and speak with either your child's class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

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