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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Birthday Celebrations in School**

We have seen a wonderful idea from another school and think it is something really special that we would like to introduce here at Orchard Vale.

As a result of the current Covid-19 restrictions, many children are missing out on celebrating their birthday with family and friends as they usually would; with parties or gathering that are currently not allowed during this time. We understand our children have already had so many changes and had to adapt to new rules and regulations both at home and school, and their emotional wellbeing is something that is very important to us.

Therefore, we would like to give them the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays in school with their class friends! We have decided we will hold a birthday party within each class bubble on the last Friday afternoon of each month. This will be to celebrate all children who have had their birthday that month.

All children will have their packed lunch or school meal as normal. During the afternoon (the last Friday of every month), school will provide fun games, activities and a party atmosphere. There will also be a little cake for each birthday child! Children must still come to school in their normal school uniform.

If your child has already had their birthday during September and October, they will be included in the first birthday celebration in November.

We look forward to giving every child the opportunity to celebrate with their friends and mark their special day!

Yours sincerely

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher