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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back everyone! To parents and staff who we already know – welcome back to Wycliffe for another fun-filled year of hard work and learning. To any new staff, parents and children – we warmly welcome you to our Wycliffe family. Please make yourself known to staff and remember that we are a caring community who are always here to help in any way that we can. Mrs Wills, our Deputy Headteacher, and myself will endeavour to meet and greet you on the gates both morning and evening and welcome a quick chat if any help or advice is needed. Teachers are also available in the playground but appointments can be made with them through the office if you require a more private discussion.

BABIES:

Miss Rawling gave birth to Max in August - both are well and thriving. As yet, although due last week, Miss Sawyer's bump has not yet decided to join us! We will keep you posted and look forward to visits in due course.

SNACKS:

Whilst crackers and cheese have been a regular snack at playtime, we as a staff have agreed that we need a new system this year. Last year we dealt with regular squabbles over lost money, children bringing similar packaged snacks from home, children dipping into lunchboxes and eating anything to hand, all causing litter, upset and confusion as to what constitutes a playtime snack. Hence a new system will clarify things and hopefully make life easier for us all. As from Next Monday – snacks need to simply consist **of a fresh piece of fruit/vegetables**. These need naming, be this on the skin, add a label, pop in a little tub and then placing in a tray that teachers will provide in class. By doing this we are promoting healthy eating, ensuring children are not wandering around school searching through lunch boxes (when fresh air is the order of the day) and ensuring the system we have is fair. The school meals service is responsible for providing a balance diet throughout the week and you yourselves provide well balanced packed lunches in which of course crackers can be incorporated into should you wish. Your co-operation in this matter will be much appreciated and I will share the change with the children in one of our Collective Worship information slots.

BIRTHDAYS:

With the above in mind, we do not want to stop birthdays being a treat, however we are asking that a small treat only be brought in on birthdays only (should you wish to) and at no other time unless as part of the curriculum requirements. By restricting to this – the most any class should every have per child equates to much less than one small treat a week. Please always be respectful of allergies and the customs our rich and vibrant community may have around eating of some foods.

Warmest regards,

D Baxter  
Headteacher