



## **Celebrations Policy**

At Kings Road Nursery School, we believe that birthday celebrations and religious holidays are very important to the lives of our children and that of their family; we look forward to them and help to acknowledge them and celebrate them in the nursery.

### **Birthdays**

Every child is made to feel special on their birthday at Nursery. We celebrate by singing 'Happy Birthday' to the child during a whole class carpet time. We have a birthday photo display where the child's photograph is moved over from the 3 section to the 4 section. Children are given a birthday sticker. We ask that parents do not send in cakes or anything edible to share out for their child's birthday. Instead we send home a small teddy called 'the birthday bear' to each child on their birthday, the bear has a sleepover at the child's house and they bring it back to nursery the next day. If a child has had their birthday before they start nursery school in September, then we will ensure they get a turn with the bear in the first few weeks of term so they can have a belated celebration.

### **Religious Celebrations**

Learning about different religious festivals forms an important part of our World Around Us topic, and it can also make a child feel valued if aspects of their culture are shared with the whole class. We may plan activities linked to these special times e.g. Chinese New Year – making lanterns or trying noodles, Harvest Festival – vegetable soup and farming stories, Diwali – making clay divas or trying Indian food. We have an Easter egg hunt at Easter and the Nursery provides each child with a chocolate egg. We have a visit from Santa at Christmas, where every child receives a gift provided by the Nursery.

If there is a special celebration that families would like us to include because it is important to their faith, we welcome ideas and parents who are happy to share more about their traditions.