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Dear Parents and Carers

As part of our Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum offer, we provide our children with the opportunity to bake. Over the half term children will be the 'Class Bakers' and make something for the whole class to enjoy. Over the half term, each child in the class will have taken part in this exceptional experience.

Baking in the Early Years offers many benefits including:

- a sense of achievement
- enhancing physical development, including fine and gross motor skills
- opportunities to learn about different cultures and traditions, and develop positive attitudes about diversity

Baking is a fun experience which offers a wealth of learning and development. Through this experience we...

- allow the children to do as much as they can for themselves
- promote good hygiene such as cleaning tables and washing hands
- encourage the children to look at the ingredients and think about what they might be cooking
- encourage the children to name the ingredients and discuss where it has come from or how it grows
- encourage the children to weigh out their own ingredients
- teach them skills such as how to cut safely or how to crack an egg
- talk about what is happening using scientific language
- talk about the textures and smells
- be supportive and allow the children to explore, actively learn and critically think for themselves
- encourage the ability to share, work as a team and problem solve

In order to provide this experience, we ask for a donation of £2 per half term, payable via Parent Pay. The Government's Education Reform Act of 1988 no longer permits our school to make a mandatory charge for our planned experiences as many take place during school hours. However, we are seeking voluntary contributions to cover our costs. All parents must be aware that if contributions are not sufficient to meet our costs, we will have no alternative but to cancel the experience.

If you have any questions then please ask.

Yours faithfully

Miss Fazakerley
EYFS Leader

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