## **Birthday Books!**



This year let your child's birthday do something wonderful for all our school children... and help us to 'grow' our library!

## What is 'Birthday Books'?

We all enjoy celebrating your child's birthday in school. Birthdays these days can often involve parents spending a lot of effort, time and money buying things that disappear in no time. As part of the current development and investment in our school library, we would like to provide parents with an easy way to celebrate your child's birthday in a long lasting way.

Instead of spending money on sweets to share with a few friends in school, there is an option to support our new 'Birthday Books' project. This also helps to support our commitment to BANES' new 'Sugar Smart' campaign - which is mentioned below - as well as increasing our stock of non-fiction books in our rejuvenated library.









For parents that choose a 'Birthday Book' we ask that you send the new non-fiction book in to school on a Friday close to your child's birthday so that we can celebrate with your child as part of our Celebration Assembly. (Celebration Assemblies generally take place every Friday at 9.10am - unless there is a Class Assembly or a school trip). The book might well be about a subject that your child is particularly interested in e.g. sharks, fashion, sport etc. We will put a bookplate sticker inside the front cover with your child's name and the date, so that everyone using the library, both now and in the future, will be able to see that the book is a 'Birthday Book' and who it is from.

Even in the modern digital world, a huge part of learning stems from children learning to read and enjoy books. Our school library is a really important part of this, and we are very grateful to the PTA in their support of this project. Please note that our 'Birthday Books' scheme is, of course, a voluntary project.

In August 2017 BANES launched its new 'Sugar Smart' campaign which asks a range of organisations, including local schools, to pledge to be 'Sugar Smart' and promote healthy eating in a holistic sense across the organisation.

The campaign aims to tackle obesity, poor oral health and diabetes by helping people to recognise how much sugar is in their food and drink as well as supporting organisations to provide healthier choices. Healthy eating is really important in school and it's an important part of our school ethos.

You can find out more on the BANES website: http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/latestnews/bath-and-north-east-somerset-gets-sugar-smart