

Cake Days

September 2015

Cake days have been part of Christ Church School's Fridays for as long as we can all remember. On nearly every Friday of the school year, each year group (usually the parents!) in turn has the opportunity to sell cakes that have been donated by their friends and relatives in order to raise some money for their year. Below is a little more information for those new to the school and a few pointers to help keep the event a happy, fun and sociable end to the week.

- Each year group makes about **£500-600 per year** through cake days. This money goes directly to that particular year, and, within reason, can be spent on anything that the teacher feels will enrich the pupils' school experience. The teachers will communicate with parents via the class contacts what they would like to buy with their cake day money. If this is a high price item, there is the option of FOCCS lending them the money at the start of the year and then being paid back via future cake day sales, so that the pupils can benefit for the most possible time. Any money raised and not spent by the end of the school year will be carried over with them to their next year group.
- Cakes (homemade or shop-bought) can be brought into school on the morning of the cake sale and left in the Cake Day Trolley in Berryfield Hall. Please remember that the cakes **should not contain nuts**. Cakes can be brought in in a named tin, or you might consider sending in cakes in disposable containers such as a converted cereal box which can be thrown away once emptied.
- So that there's more of a chance of cakes being available for when the children come out, **cake days will not start until 3.10pm** (and should finish by 4pm). The teachers will be made aware of the dates of their year's cake days and will endeavour to let their classes out on time.
- At the teacher's discretion, children in years 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to help out at their year's cake day and as such will be let out slightly earlier on those days.
- The teachers will try to attend their own cake days. Please remember though, it's their 'end of week' too, so try not to bombard them with classroom questions!
- Keep the cake days simple, with the focus mainly on cakes. Exceptions could be made for the raffle of a cake, Year 6 enterprise stalls, lollies on hot days...
- Each individual cake or slice will be sold at 30p each. Please bear this in mind when donating your cakes.
- **Allergens.** As we all become more aware of allergies and intolerances to foods, it has become apparent that there is a desire to provide cakes made without gluten, eggs, dairy, nuts etc. Whilst FOCCS supports the idea of offering a wide variety of cakes to appeal to every body, we cannot be held responsible for the ingredients used or the environment in which the cakes are made. We advise donors to use good hygiene practice whilst making the cakes and to include a list of ingredients, whether home made or shop bought. However, very much along the lines of buying a cake at a church fete, it must be remembered that cakes are donated and bought on trust, and are consumed at your own risk. If you would like to donate cakes that would appeal to people with food intolerances, we would welcome them, but please ensure they are clearly labelled. In addition to this, FOCCS will endeavour to keep a small supply of 'longer lasting' shop-bought 'free-from' cake, but please be aware that cake day is a volunteer-run fundraising event, and this system might not be fool-proof!
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