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NEW FOOD ALLERGEN REGULATIONS

From 13th December 2014, the EU Food Information for Consumers Regulation (EU FIC) has come into force. These European rules will be enforced in the UK by the Food Information Regulations 2014 (FIR).

In line with these new regulations we will be displaying a weekly allergens sheet, which will indicate which allergens are present in any of our daily snack items. The sheet will be displayed on the notice board in the hallway at Pre-School. A separate sheet will be displayed in advance of any planned cooking activities.

It must be emphasised that **all staff are already informed of any allergies that your child may have**, therefore, if you have already notified us of an allergy which your child has you do not need to do anything further. However, if you have any concerns that a particular allergen displayed may affect your child and wish to inform us, please speak to June or Ellen or ring 01993 705509 or email us on broadhillpreschool@btconnect.com.

At this point in time the Pre-school requests that any snack donations are fruit only. We shall continue to provide toast, breadsticks etc., however, due to the new regulations, it will be necessary for the Pre-school to purchase these items in advance in order to list the allergen information to present to parents and carers. **Any cash donations will be gratefully received in the yellow money box in the hallway and will be used to purchase these items.**

Finally, sweet treats for birthdays are still welcome as the sweets are given to the children to take home. However, should you wish to send in a birthday cake to celebrate your child's birthday, in order to comply with the new regulations, it will need to be **shop-bought and pre-packaged** and preschool will need to have sight of the ingredient list at least 24 hours beforehand.

Further information can be found at www.food.gov.uk/allergy

Please do not hesitate to speak to June or Ellen if you have any questions.