

LUNCH CLUB

AT PARKLANDS NURSERY SCHOOL & PLAYGROUP
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Newsletter

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Message from Executive Head.....

Hello parents and carers,

It's been a busy time since your children returned or started at Parklands in September. Staff have supported the children to settle and have provided stimulating learning experiences linked to their interests. Parklands has received two inspections recently; an Early Years Inspection for the playgroup and a School Inspection for the nursery. You should have received a letter from the inspector indicating the overall judgements for both provisions. The school inspectors commented that the 'curriculum is exciting and that staff support children to develop a love of books' and that 'children are provided with stimulus for telling their own stories'. Inspectors also commented on the personal, social and emotional development of the children saying that 'children have good role models, they are encouraged to take risks, they feel valued and listened to' and that 'children are taught how to problem solve'. The lead inspector spent time in with the children having their lunch; he commented on the children's independence skills and the interesting discussions the staff and the children were having about healthy eating!

Thank you to the parents that spoke to the School inspector on the day and gave feedback; this was acknowledged within his report.

Please join us in celebrating the success of both inspections; we are very proud of the outcome and continue to strive to provide your children with the best early years education.

As you are aware Parklands is in a collaboration with Croyland and Highfield Nursery Schools in Wellingborough. The Governors meet regularly to monitor how this is going. All staff are able to share their views and it is equally important for parents to have a voice and share their views too. Please look out for Governor drop-ins in the new year whereby you can join them for a coffee/tea and a chat.

The Christmas period is upon us and Christmas has certainly arrived at Parklands! There are lots of fun activities and experiences planned for the children; please speak to your child's family worker for more information.

Thank you all for your continued support; I wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and my best wishes for 2020.

Regards,

Jo

What's been happening at Nursery and Playgroup?

Governor Drop-in Session

Two of our governors will be holding a 'drop-in' session during the morning of 17th January. This is for parents/carers and staff - please do pop in, have a cuppa and a chat. This is an ideal opportunity to raise any issues or concerns, give feedback, share ideas or to find out more about their role in supporting the Nursery School.

Dates for the diary...

13th December 2019
19th December 2019
20th December 2019
3rd January 2020
6th January 2020

Christmas Come and Play
Christmas party Day
Nursery and Playgroup Close
Training Day
Nursery and Playgroup re-open



We would like to thank Kate for organising the donation of our beautiful Christmas trees and decorations, courtesy of John Lewis. If you are able to, or work for a company that can donate resources to Nursery and/or Playgroup, we would very much appreciate it!

Thank you very much to Karen and Sid at Cobley Desborough for their accountancy services provided to Playgroup - gratis.

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Exploring Maths

in the Nursery environment.....

Maths is **everywhere!** This term we have been exploring all areas of mathematical development in the nursery environment. Some examples of this are:-

- Talking about the size and depth of puddles.
- Testing buoyancy.
- Measuring with rulers and tape measures.
- Using mathematical language relating to size, height, length, direction and position.
- Testing speed and distance on the trikes and scooters.
- Recognising numbers in the Nursery environment.
- Counting objects, children and staff.



Christmas will soon be upon us and we have been getting ready! We have lots of festive activities planned which will enable the children to explore and experience different media to represent their own ideas for Christmas.

The children have been learning about the reasons why we celebrate Christmas, the Nativity story, baby Jesus's birthday and why we give gifts at Christmas time.

Thank you to all parents/carers and staff this term. We wish you all a fantastic Christmas, and a very Happy New Year!



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