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Christmas is fast approaching again and we have lots of celebrations planned. Firstly, we are pleased to be able to invite you all to our "Cheeky Cherubs Nativity". There will be three performaces this year over Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December - Tuesday am for

parents/Tuesday pm for grandparents/Wednesday pm for parents. Tickets will be limited and issued on a first come, first served basis. So many of you wanted to attend last year and we are making efforts to ensure that everyone can enjoy this very special event in a safe environment and need to keep a strict track on numbers of guests. We plan to allow everyone to take group photographs/videos (which must not be uploaded onto social media), so let us know in advance if you do not want your child included. You must bring your ticket to enter and doors will only open 10 minutes beforehand as we need to get the very excited children ready and settled.

There will be lots of different seasonal activities going on throughout the nursery and a little bird has told us that Santa and his elves may have time to pay us a quick visit!

- Help us raise money for St Luke's Cheshire Hospice on Christmas
 Jumper Day Thursday 7th December. Please bring £2 with you on
 the day.
- The children are welcome to bring in cards for their friends.
- Ruth's delicious Christmas Dinner for all will be served on 20th
 December
- Christmas Dolly's Disco Party will be on Wednesday 13th December at 2.30pm followed be a party tea. Limited extra sessions are available.

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We all enjoyed our Halloween celebrations and want to thank you all for coming It was lovely to see so many of you could join in the spooky fun. Also, thank you to everyone who donated towards our recent Macmillan Cake Sale. With very little effort we managed to raise £91 for such a worthwhile cause.

Staff news:

- We are very sad to say that Laurie in Pre-School will be leaving us in February to be an au pair in Paris. We wish her all the very best with her exciting new adventure.
- Morgan joined the Parklands Team in September as a one-to-one support in Pre-School. She has quickly become a valued team member and you may see her in other base rooms when she is not acting as a one-to-one support.

Other points:

- If your child is due to start school in Cheshire East in September 2024, the deadline for application is 15th January. Here is the link to the Cheshire East website
 - https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/apply-forseptember-2024-school-place.aspx
- Please drive very slowly in the car park. There are times when it is very busy and drivers may not be able to see little people in car blind spots.
- You should all be aware who your child's key worker is but if you are not sure, please ask in your child's room.
- A polite reminder that mobile phones are not to be used on the premesis under any circumstances for safeguarding reasons.
- Lead roles:
 - Designated Safeguarding Lead Gail Charlesworth

 Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Jane Mullen-Heath

 SENCO Vicky Finnan

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- Every member of the Parklands Team is trained in paediatric first aid and this is refreshed every three years, along with basic food hygiene level 2.
- Government funded sessions end on 15th December and begin again on 2nd January 2024.
- We will be outdoors taking full advantage of our grounds and enjoying the winter weather as the temperature drops, so please remember to pack a bag with a change of clothes, hat and gloves.

Please note that Parklands will be closed on the bank holidays of Monday 25^{th} , Tuesday 26^{th} December 2023 and Monday 2^{nd} January 2024 but will be open as usual on all other days.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas with your families and look forward to 2024.

Very best wishes,

ALL OF THE PARKLANDS TEAM. XX

