



Dear Parents,

We hope you had an enjoyable half-term break and managed to make the most of the exceptionally warm weather.

The children all appear to have settled back into the routine at Bushy Leaze. We are sure that they will have fun leading up to Christmas, as there are lots of activities planned.

## Congratulations!

to Rodney Cook, as he has now also joined our Nursery team as an Early Years Assistant. Linda Turner has been promoted to Senior Family Support Outreach Worker. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Amy Rowland will be going on Maternity Leave on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. We wish her all the best, as she prepares for the arrival of her second child.

### The Children's Centre

run a variety of groups both here at Bushy Leaze and in the community venues.

Currently drop in sessions for parent and toddlers are held at the Alton Buckle Community Building on Mondays from 9.15 – 10.45 a.m. and the Little Den on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 – 3.00. Please contact Heather, Tammy or Louisa for further information or visit our website.

One session which is popular is Dads Matter, which runs on the first Saturday morning of each month. Dads can come along to have breakfast and play with their young child/ren here at Bushy Leaze. Sign up for this in advance to be sure of a sausage sandwich. £3.00 donation on the day.



The photographer will once again be visiting the Centre on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. This time families who have children attending outreach

groups or baby and toddler sessions held at Bushy Leaze will have the opportunity to have their child photographed. If you would like your baby or toddler to have an appointment on this day, please contact Linda Turner who will be pleased to arrange this for you. Family group photographs can also be taken. There is no obligation to purchase the photographs, but if you do they will arrive back before Christmas.

### Coats and Shoes

Just a reminder that owing to the weather finally becoming colder, can you please make sure your child has a warm coat each day, as we do still like the children to play outside. Children attending nursery should also have well-fitting shoes or trainers for safety on the climbing equipment.

### Starting School

If your child is starting school in September 2015, please note you can now apply online at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions). Alternatively, you may pick up a paper application form from the primary school of your choice.

If you have any queries, please contact 0845 603 5623 or ask at reception if you need any help with your application.

**All children** presently at Bushy Leaze who will be starting school in September 2015 need to be registered at a mainstream school.

### Absence

If your child is unwell or unable to attend Nursery or Toddler Group for any reason, please ring the office as soon as possible. If you are going on holiday, please let Louisa, Heather or Tammy know the dates in advance. Please note, if your child has been sick or has suffered with diarrhoea, please keep him/her at home for 48 hours after the last episode.

## Nursery News

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December the children in Nursery will be having their Christmas party. This will mean the sessions will be shorter.

The morning session will run from  
9.15 – 11.30 a.m.

The afternoon session will run from  
12.45 – 3.00 p.m.

Hopefully the children will also have fun wearing their favourite jumper on this day.



**PLEASE HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SAVE  
THE CHILDREN BY WEARING YOUR  
FAVOURITE OUTFIT OR JUMPER ON**

**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

**Any donations would be welcome**



Thank you

**Friends of Bushy Leaze** will be holding a picnic lunch on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 11.15 to 1.15 in Oak/Acorn. Everyone is welcome to come along to meet and chat to other parents. Any ideas for forthcoming events, especially for Christmas, will be warmly received.



Please find attached a leaflet provided by the Meningitis Research Foundation for your information.

### Dates for the Diary

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Photographer for Children's Centre families

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Final day of term and shorter sessions for Nursery children

Christmas Holiday  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2014 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2015

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – Inset Day – CLOSED

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 - Start of Spring Term



**PLEASE NOTE BUSHY LEAZE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY FOR STAFF TRAINING.  
We will see you back after Christmas on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015**