



Dear Parents,

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

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!*

Once again the children attending Bushy Leaze nursery entered works for the annual Alton Art Society Exhibition. Our congratulations to all the

children who took part and showed such artistic flair, especially the following children who won prizes in their category:-

- Lucas Budd – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Isabelle Greenland – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Rylee Morgan - 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **The Children's Centre**

After months of planning you may have noticed the toddler garden has finally been completed. We look forward to the toddlers making use of this new, improved area. If you are attending a session with your child, please make sure they are dressed appropriately, as we intend to make use of this space whatever the weather. As we have discovered with the nursery children, most children love playing and exploring outside.



Patti & Linda inspecting works

### **Staff News**

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Anita Creaser, as she moves on to pastures new. Anita has been a very important part of our nursery team over the past 19 years and has seen a number of children come and go. We wish her every happiness in her new role.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Rosie on becoming a grandmother for the first time. Her daughter gave birth to Lexi-Rose on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Congratulations to Caroline, Matthew and family, on the arrival of Miles. Miles became the latest addition to the Carrington family on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.



The photographer will once again be visiting the Centre on **Friday 20th 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, and wellies for wet weather, if you have them.

## Starting School

If your child is starting school in September 2016, 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 infant or primary school of your choice. If you have any queries, please contact 0300 555 1377 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 2016 need to be registered at a mainstream school.

## Nursery News

On Friday 18<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 – 11.15 a.m.

The afternoon session will run from  
12.45 – 2.45 p.m.

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



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

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

**Any donations would be welcome**



**Thank you!**

**Friends of Bushy Leaze** will be holding a **Christmas Fair** on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00a.m. – 2.00p.m. Please make a note in your diary, as I am sure Father Christmas will be making his usual festive visit with the help of our very own fairy helper. If you are able to help with the fair beforehand, or on the day, please let Jill Worth, Vicky Blythe or Tammy know. Thank you to everyone who baked, helped and/or bought cakes at the Halloween cake sale held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October. This proved very popular with over £100.00 being made on the day.

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** are currently reviewing their services in light of funding changes, and are keen to find out from service users and residents what you think about their proposals. Your contribution will be important – look out for details of their **consultation** and drop-in events, which we will advertise.

## 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.

## Car Parking

Our car park is very small and there isn't enough room for all our parents, staff and visitors to park every day.

Whenever possible, please try and walk to the Centre if you can or park further away in Nursery Road, Eastbrooke Road or Chauntsingers.

Disabled and mini-bus parking spaces must be kept free for Blue Badge holders.

Please speak to us if you have particular issues.

Thank you

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Photographer for Children's Centre families

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – FOBLE Christmas Fair

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Final day of term and shorter sessions for Nursery children

Christmas Holiday  
21st Dec 2015 – 1st Jan 2016

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Inset Day – CLOSED

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - Start of Spring Term

**PLEASE NOTE BUSHY LEAZE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 4TH JANUARY FOR STAFF TRAINING.  
We will see you back after Christmas on Tuesday 5th January 2016**

