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Dear Parents,

We hope you had an enjoyable break despite the weather. Once again we will be having a busy term, as a lot of our children will be enjoying their final few weeks with us at nursery, as well as preparing for their next steps.

The Nursery

The children enjoyed watching the eggs hatching and the chicks develop. To the children's surprise they were able to see how three of them had grown over a month when Emma Shaw, who had adopted them, brought them back into the Nursery for a day visit.



The children also had fun on the final day before Half-term, as once again we welcomed 'Earthsong' to Bushy Leaze. The children were able to play a number of unusual instruments and amazing sounds could be heard throughout the whole Centre.



Congratulations!
to Katie, David, Summer and Jake Blanchard, as George has become the latest addition to the family. He was born on the 31st May.

Staff News

We are pleased to let you know that Sarah Ameer-Beg has been appointed our new Senior Early Years Practitioner. Sarah will be taking up her new role in September. We wish to congratulate her. We also would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Amanda Burt who has passed her NVQ Level 3.

We are all looking forward to Amy Rowland returning shortly to the Children's Centre following maternity leave. Our thoughts and best wishes are offered to Lynda Bryant who will be undergoing a knee operation.

The Children's Centre

The staff would like to thank everyone who has so far donated to the Alton Foodbank and hope you will continue with your generosity. Please keep an eye open for the summer holiday programme. Stay and play sessions over the summer will be available to book shortly. Finally congratulations to everyone who completed the PEEP course and we hope those of you who were able to attend the celebration held on the 21st May had an enjoyable time.





Alton Buckle will be involved in organising the Alton Community Festival being held at Alton College on Saturday 5th July. This will be a fun family day. For full details visit www.altoncollege.ac.uk/communityfestival.

Victorian Cricket Day Please keep

Sunday 22nd June free, as the Victorian Cricket Day will once again be taking place on The Butts. If you do not want to watch cricket there will be a variety of stalls and activities on offer throughout the day. This year Alton Buckle and Bushy Leaze will be the beneficiaries of the funds raised on the day. Please come along and have some fun! They will have raffle tickets on sale during the day, which can be bought on the stall being run by FOBL and members of staff. If you are unable to make the event raffle tickets are now available to purchase at reception. There are many prizes to be won.

Friends of Bushy Leaze

We hope all the children that attended the Disco held on the 22nd May had an enjoyable time. Our thanks go to Rodney for dazzling us with his DJ skills and Alton Infants for allowing the use of their hall.

FOBL have a busy couple of months ahead of them, as they will be busy preparing for the Summer Fete. This will take place on Saturday 12th July. Please keep the date free and an eye out for notices of dates of planning meetings or requests for help

The day is fast approaching for the intrepid seven who will be doing the parachute jump on Saturday 28th June. Please note that if you wish to sponsor the team, sponsorship forms are now available. A 'Just Giving' page has been set up on www.justgiving.com/yimby/bushyLeaze. For full details of how to access it, please view our website. Further information and sponsorship forms will also be available at the Victorian Cricket Day. The stall that will be at the event will include face-painting and cakes. Nearer the time we will be asking for cake donations. If they are shop bought they can be left at Bushy Leaze on Friday 20th June or if being home baked they will need to be dropped off at the stall on the day. Further information will be supplied nearer the time.



2 Year Old Offer

From September 2014, more two year old children will become entitled to receive 15 hours of free Early Years Education per week from the term following their 2nd birthday. To be eligible you will need to meet at least one of the following criteria:-

1. Parent/s in receipt of certain benefits
2. Parents earning up-to £16,000 and in receipt of Working Tax Credit.
3. Children currently or previously in care of the local authority
4. Children with a statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) or in receipt of higher level Disability Living Allowance (DLA).

For further information, please contact 0845 6035620 or visit www.hants.gov.uk/eye

Bushy Leaze places for 2 year olds are full for September. However, there are many pre-schools, nurseries and childminders in and around Alton who have places for 2 year olds.

If you need help finding a place or filling in a form, please book a time to speak with Linda Turner.

WARNINGS

Please be aware that hair straightener burns among children have doubled in recent years. Hair straighteners can reach temperatures of 235°C and can remain hot 15 minutes after they have been switched off.

Please remember to keep them out of reach of babies and children. Store them away safely and if possible put them in a heat proof pouch.

Please also note that there is a significant danger when using mobile phones **whilst they are on charge**. It has been known for people to receive electric shocks that have caused injury and have even proved fatal!



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 22nd June – Victorian Cricket Day
Friday 27th June – Nursery closed (induction day for new children who will be starting in September)
Saturday 5th July – Alton Community Day
Saturday 12th July – Summer Fete
Tuesday 22nd July – Nursery Party Day

Last Day of Term: Tuesday 22nd July

