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Dear Parents,

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our new families and to those of you returning to Bushy Leaze. If you have any concerns regarding your child, especially over the coming weeks, please do not hesitate to chat to a member of staff. Your child's happiness and safety are very important to us and we like to build a strong relationship with all our families.

Our centre has a large staff team and many professional partners. We also have students and visitors who come to look at the Centre and learn about Early Years Education and Inclusion.

As well as welcoming new families to the centre we also wish to welcome Lorraine Temple who has become our Business Manager. We are already benefitting from her expertise and knowledge and look forward to working with her.



During the summer period there have been a number of families who have new additions to their families, including Natalie and Peter Wilson, Kirsty and Michael Jeffrey and Amy and Jonathan Rowland. We wish to congratulate them all.

The Family Support Team run a variety of groups both here at Bushy Leaze and in community venues. Currently drop-in sessions for parents and toddlers to attend are held at the Alton Buckle Community Building on Tuesdays from 9.00 – 10.30 a.m. and 'Fun Time' is run along with HomeStart at All Saints Church from 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. Other groups run daily and places must be booked. Please contact Chloe, Tammy or Louisa for further information or visit our website.

One session which is popular is Dads Matter, on the first Saturday of each month. Dads and other male carers can come along to have breakfast and play with their under 5's at Bushy Leaze.

Sign up for this in advance to be sure of a sausage sandwich. £3.00 donation on the day.



Some of you may also be aware that this year saw the start our holiday play schemes. This has proved very popular, as the photographs below show.



It is only open to 3 – 5 year olds and the next one is being held on Tuesday 24th October. Please note places are limited. Booking forms, giving full details are now available at reception.

Another new initiative which Audrey Murch and Linda Turner have put together is the Home Learning Lending Library. This gives families a chance to borrow activities/games to do at home with your child/ren. The activities will usually be made available on Wednesday before the start of each session. Families whose child attend nursery via transport can be supported by practitioners to choose an activity and leaflets will be sent home in your child's book bag shortly.



Little Squirrels

Little Squirrels is a Saturday Stay and Play session which will be running for SEN children under 6. The next session will be held on

Saturday 21st October from 9.30 – 11.00a.m at a cost of £3.00 per family and a contribution of fruit for snack-time. Little Squirrels will usually be held on the third Saturday of each month. Siblings are welcome to attend providing they are not above 6 years of age. For further information, please contact Audrey via her email: A.Murch@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk or text 07720 206350.

Please let us know if you are coming by either contacting Audrey or by signing up at reception. Thank you

Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund

You may be aware there have been a number of changes throughout Hampshire over the past year including the closure of Children's Centres. In order for Bushy Leaze to continue running family support and community services which were previously funded by Hampshire County Council, we set up a registered charity called Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund (Reg. Charity Number: 1168585).

A few fundraising events have taken place during the year and we are pleased to announce the next event will be taking place on Saturday 14th October in the Main Hall at Eggar's School at 7.45p.m. **The BIG Concert** has been organised by Luath Grant-Ferguson and promises to be a wonderful evening of music and song. Tickets are available at Bushy Leaze reception or Alton Waterstone's - £10.00 per person (Students £5.00) – see the back page.

We would also like the opportunity to thank the committee of the Selborne Lunch Club

for generously donating the sum of £200.00 towards our charity.

Do you know any organisations or benefactors who give money to charities like ours? – maybe your company takes suggestions from employees, would sponsor an event, or donate prizes. If so, please let us know if you have any other thoughts or suggestions, please speak to Patti or any of the reception staff.



The Alton Buckle Family

Support Team work with families and children aged 5-19 and are located at The Alton Buckle Community Building at Wootey Infants

School. As well as being the base for this team, the building will be a venue for Parenting Courses, Family Learning, Bushy Leaze Parent and Toddler Group, after school and holiday play provision, and other community led initiatives.

The Family Support Team may be contacted through Bushy Leaze or are available on **01420 542873**.

The Alton Buckle Family Support Team have now appointed a part-time administrative assistant, so we would like to take the opportunity of welcoming Suzy Spears. Some of you may already recognise Suzy as her child has now started at nursery.

Interested in a **career** in **teaching?**

Train to teach with us.
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School Experience Programme

The Alton Cluster Primary schools are offering a series of opportunities to visit our schools, in association with the National College of Teaching & Leadership.

- Gain first-hand experience of a working day in a school
- Ask about our School Direct PGCE course
- Talk to teachers about day-to-day school life

21st September | 19th October | 16th November | 15th December

To find out more, please register with Get into Teaching at: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/school-experience> Or email Chloe at teaching.school@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk

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Have you ever considered volunteering as a Governor?

If so now is your chance to apply as the Bushy Leaze Governing Body currently has two vacancies.

The Governing Body meet twice a term on Monday evenings to discuss issues relevant to the management of the Nursery. Governors are elected to serve for 4 years. Our Governors are a group of people from different backgrounds with a common desire to take an active role in the life of the Centre. They encourage new ideas, support staff training and act as critical friends. If you have a particular interest or skill set you feel may be of benefit, please consider applying for one of the vacancies or you may know someone who may be interested.

If you wish to find out more, please visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer> or alternatively speak to Patti.

Please ask Louisa at reception for an application form.

Our school **photographer**

will be visiting Bushy Leaze. The photographer will be taking photographs of children who attend our Nursery on the Thursday 2nd

November. He will be available to take photographs of babies and toddlers who attend the various groups run by the Centre on Friday 17th November. Further details will be provided nearer the time, but keep these dates in mind. Photographs will be back in time for Christmas and a photo would make an ideal present for family and friends. As well as individual photos, our photographer is happy to do family groups.



Waitrose Community Matters

We support good causes.
You decide who gets what.



Please remember if you are shopping in Waitrose during this month to put your green token/s in the Bushy Leaze collection box, as we are one of the nominated charities

Starting School in September 2018

Will your child be 4 years old between the 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018? If so all children between these dates should be registered for a school place

From Wednesday 1st November you can apply:

- Online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions where you will also find information about schools in Hampshire; OR
- Using paper application form available from a Hampshire infant or primary school

Schools make individual arrangements for open events in the autumn term. You are encouraged to make use of these opportunities to gather information before making an application. If you are considering applying for Wootey Infant School their Open Days are taking place on Thursday 5th October 9.15 – 11.00a.m. and Thursday 19th October 4.00-7.00p.m.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE is
Monday 15th January 2018**

Please be aware that every year some children lose out on a place at their local school because their parents miss the application deadline



Bowen Therapy is a drug-free, non-invasive, hands-on remedial therapy, which helps the body's systems rebalance and promotes healing. It is a very gentle treatment, which

most people find relaxing and de-stressing. It can also be helpful for many conditions in the body and is available for adults and/or children. We are very fortunate in having a Bowen Therapist, Barbara, volunteering at Bushy Leaze each Wednesday. If you are interested or wish to find out more about the technique, please visit www.bowen-therapy or email Barbara to arrange an appointment at barbara.morton@btinternet.com

Finally we wish to say a sad farewell to Emma Shaw, who has been a respected and well liked member of our nursery team. Like some of our children she has headed for pastures new at Hollywater School. We wish her all the best in her new setting.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 14th October – The BIG Concert

OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTING BUSHY LEAZE
Serving Children & Families in Alton & across East Hampshire

THE GREAT **BIG** ALL-IN-ONE CONCERT

OPERA with JOANNA WEEKS, Soprano

JAZZ with RICHARD ANDERSON

GUITAR with NICK WEEKS

JOHN MINETT

HELEN HARVEY

CELLO & TENOR

TRUMPET with STEPHEN SMITH

CHORAL with ANCORA

JAZZ SINGING with BARBARA RAYNER **New Music** by PHILIP ANDREWS

POETRY by JO OSMOND **Middle East to Middle Ages** with LUATH & MILO

RAFFLE **Musical Stories & Surprises!** **REFRESHMENTS**

SATURDAY, 14 OCTOBER at 7.45 pm
MAIN HALL, EGGARS SCHOOL, ALTON
Tickets £10 (Students £5) from Waterstones, High St., Alton

Bushy Leaze Community Support Trust (Registered Charity No: 1168585)

Little Squirrels – Saturday 21st Oct, 18th Nov & 16th Dec 9.30 – 11.00 a.m

**Mon 23rd – Fri 27th October – Closed for Half Term
(Tuesday 24th October – Holiday Play Scheme)**

Thursday 2nd November – Photographer for Nursery

Friday 17th November – Photographer for Family Support groups and family portraits

Thursday 21st December - Final day of term and shorter sessions for Nursery children – Christmas Party Day

Christmas Holiday

Friday 22nd December 2017 – 3rd January 2018