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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children are continuing to enjoy all the activities and groups Bushy Leaze has to offer.

The Family Support Team

Once again a fun time was had by all that came along to the Holiday Playscheme. Despite the wet and windy weather, the children were able to enjoy a whole variety of activities, including making pancakes and Valentine biscuits. The Playscheme will be running during the Easter break on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. Details will be sent out shortly in order to book places with the cost remaining at £8.00 for half a day session and £15.00 for a full day.

The Messy Play session mentioned in the last newsletter is now taking place on Thursday mornings from 9.30 – 11.00 a.m. and has been renamed 'Sticky Mitts Messy Play'.

Monday morning now sees the introduction of 'Crafty Squirrels Arts & Crafts'. This will run from 9.30 - 11.00 a.m.

Both sessions are bookable and payable in advance, £2.00 per family. Please contact Lynda Bryant for further details.

Little Squirrels

The next session of Little Squirrels is being held on Saturday 17th March the Hampshire Healthy Families Barnardo's Puppets will be making an appearance and the session may be an opportunity to make your own puppets to take home.

Little Squirrels is a SEN stay and play session and runs on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9.30 – 11.00 a.m. at a cost of £3.00 per family. Children are able to attend up to their 6th birthday, this includes siblings.

Contact Audrey to find out more on 01420 87675, alternatively email

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Nursery 2018

If you or anyone you know is still looking for a nursery placement for your/their child to start this September, please contact us, as we may still have spaces available.

Please speak to Louisa or Tammy on 01420 87675. To find out more on what Bushy Leaze has to offer, please visit our website or alternatively book an appointment to arrange a visit.

SEND Information Day Saturday 24 March 2018

A free event for young people, parents and carers of children with special needs, and those involved in supporting them

Support4SEND, Parent Voice and Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN) are pleased to announce that their next SEND Information Day will be held on Saturday 24 March 2018, from 10.00am to 3.00pm, at Noadswood School, Dibden Purlieu SO45 4ZF.

The whole event is free to visitors, other than refreshments and snacks, which will be available to buy. There will be ample free parking on site and disabled access. We also have some entertainment for children accompanying their parents.

Topics so far confirmed include:

- an overview of autism
- empowering parent carers to speak up for their child or young person with additional needs
- living with dyspraxia
- Career Companion, gateway to careers, learning and training information on the internet
- social and friendship skills
- supporting teenage girls with high functioning autism
- bullying
- transition from Early Years to school
- the EHC needs assessment process

For further information and to book on workshops, please visit:-

www.hants.gov.uk/support4send

www.parentvoice.info

www.hpcn.org.uk

URGENT REQUEST

Hampshire County Council is seeking views on proposals to change its offer to Home to School Transport. In order to find out more and complete the consultation, please visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/hometoschooltransport>. You have until midnight on Monday the 13th March to make your views known. Please ask your family and friends to spare a few minutes to complete the consultation online. Thank you

Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund

(Registered Charity no. 1168585)

You may have seen from the local newspaper that once again Burns Night proved to be a very popular event with those attending helping to raise the sum of £1,000.00 for Bushy Leaze. Our thanks must go to Luath Grant-Ferguson, Jill Worth, Alison Tubman and not forgetting the volunteers working throughout the event, many of whom are FOBL members or have had a link with Bushy Leaze over the years.

As well as the Spring Concert Luath Grant-Ferguson has arranged, owing to popular demand, another quiz evening is being organised for Saturday 19th May. Details and posters regarding the evening will be issued shortly. In the meantime if you are interested pencil the date in your diary.

Friends of Bushy Leaze

Another date to record in your diary is Tuesday 27th March as this is the day FOBL will be hosting the Easter Fayre.



During the holiday period two members of staff had rather special birthdays, so I am sure like us you would like to wish both Wendy Taylor and Lynda Bryant many happy returns following their birthday.

Finally we would like to take the opportunity of welcoming Heather Palmer as our newest member of staff. She will be working in the Family Support Team two days per week as the Community Administrative Assistant. She has only been here a few weeks, but already she appears to have settled in and is having a great impact.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Little Squirrels (9.30 – 11.00 a.m.) – Saturday 17th March & 21st April 2018

Dad's Matter (10.00 – 11.30 a.m.)- Sat 3rd March
Early Spring Concert – Saturday 3rd March

FOBL Easter Fayre - Tues 27th March

Easter Holiday from Friday 30th March to Sunday 15th April (remember playsheme running Tues & Weds)


Summer Half Term Holiday from Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Inset Day (Staff training day) Centre closed - Monday 23rd July

Summer Holiday from Tuesday 24th July to – Friday 31st August 2018

OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTING BUSHY LEAZE
Serving Children & Families in Alton & across East Hampshire
Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund Registered Charity No. 1168585

EARLY SPRING CONCERT



Featuring **ANCORA** Alton's exciting Ladies' Choir!
Conducted by Lii Carr

JOHN MINETT **TENOR** YOUNG GENERATION ARTIST : ELLA BLAIR **SOPRANO**
SWING STYLE BARBARA RAYNER & FRIENDS HUMPH MUNDAY **BANJO**

JOE OSMOND'S **NEW POETRY & NEW MUSIC** by PHILIP ANDREWS

MUSICAL STORIES & SURPRISES !

SATURDAY, 3 MARCH at 7.30 pm
ALTON METHODIST CHURCH

Tickets **£10** (Students **£5**) from Waterstones, High St., Alton

BREAKING NEWS.... Alton Victorian Cricket has named Bushy Leaze their nominated charity for 2018, so make sure you keep Sunday 24th June free. Further news to follow in the next edition.

