



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and start to 2018.

We wish to take the opportunity to welcome some new families and members of staff to Bushy Leaze. We have 4 children who have just started in Ladybirds and we hope they enjoy settling into nursery over the coming weeks and making new friends.

Some of you may have already seen Kirsty Jeffrey in the centre, as she has a child attending nursery and is the Treasurer of the Friends of Bushy Leaze (FOBL) committee, we are now pleased to say she has become one of our Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants, along with Michelle Westoll. We wish them all the best in their new roles.

Whilst mentioning Lunch Club, please make sure payments are made on a regular basis. Each session costs £2.50.

You will not be charged if your child is ill and has had to stay at home or if you have notified reception staff that your child is on holiday. If you have any queries, please speak to Louisa. Please remember to make sure your child's lunch bag/box is named. Thank you



### **Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund**

*(Registered Charity no. 1168585)*

We wish to take the opportunity to thank a number of local people and organisations who have kindly made donations to the BLCSEF over the past couple of months. Firstly we would like to thank Ann Marie and her family for not only brightening up everyone's Christmas by the wonderful display of lights outside their home, but in doing so raising over £700.00. Alton Methodist Church also did a collection over the Christmas period which resulted in the congregation raising the

sum of £200.00. Brave Front (Alton's Breast Cancer Support Group) also recently handed in a cheque for the sum of £794.03.

You may remember in the last newsletter that a group of children and their dads were going to do a sponsored walk. We are pleased to say that Ada, Monika and Ben (see photograph below) completed the walk from Bushy Leaze Woods to Bushy Leaze on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November in rather inclement weather and raised just over £600.00.



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed or raised funds during 2017.

To keep the momentum going throughout 2018 if you have any ideas or know any organisations/benefactors who give money to charities like ours – maybe your company takes suggestions from employees, would sponsor an event, or donate prizes, please speak to Patti, Ann or any of the reception staff. Please remember any ideas and/or donations, no matter how big or small, are greatly received and will help to keep our Family Support Team running services which are beneficial to local families.

**Waitrose  
Community Matters**

**Raised  
£319.00**



### **Family Support Team**

The Family Support Team will be running a Messy Play session each Monday during term time from 9.30 – 11.00 a.m. Please make sure you dress appropriately as there will be a range of messy activities for both you and your child to join in with. The cost is £2.00 per family and booking and payment needs to be made in advance.

Linda Turner will be running 'Baby Parents Early Education Partnership' (Baby PEEP) from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00 – 11.30a.m. To find out more and to book on to the sessions, please contact Linda on 01420 87675.

With half-term fast approaching the Family Support Team will once again be offering a Holiday Playscheme on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February for 3 to 5 year olds. Booking forms are available from either Linda or can be found at reception. The cost remains the same with half a day sessions being £8.00 and a full day being £15.00. Payment must be made at the time of booking. If you have any further queries, please contact Linda.

Some of you may already be aware that early in the summer Jamie and Jimmy came to film at Bushy Leaze for their Friday Night Feast which aired on Channel 4 on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December. They discussed the pros and cons of baby food and showed how to introduce various flavours to babies once they start weaning. We wish to thank those of you who were involved in the filming, as it was an extremely long and hot day, which can be confirmed by the number of fans seen during the footage. You should still be able to see the episode on catch up.



### **Little Squirrels**

The next session of Little Squirrels is being held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February and Michelle Chan Sam - Speech and Language Therapist (SaLT) will be in attendance if you have any questions you wish to ask. On 17<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> birthday, this includes siblings.

Conduct Audrey to find out more on 01420 87675, alternatively email A.Murch@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk

### **The Home Learning Lending Library**

The Library is open to all families who attend Bushy Leaze on a regular basis, whether child is in nursery or you attend one of the many groups available. The Library is open each Wednesday at 8.35 a.m. and 12.35 p.m. These are also the only times activities should be brought back or exchanged during the week. To find out more, please speak to Audrey or Linda.

*Audrey and Linda put on a number of courses and sessions throughout the year, but if you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see available as a parent, please let them know.*

### **Nursery 2018**

Shortly we will be sending out letters and application forms to those families wishing their child to be considered for a place in nursery from September 2018. If you or anyone you know has a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 and are still looking for a place for this September, please contact Louisa or Tammy on 01420 87675 as places may still be available. To find out more on what Bushy Leaze has to offer, please visit our website or alternatively book an appointment to arrange a visit

### **Friends of Bushy Leaze (FOBL)**

Thank you to FOBL for arranging such a fun and successful Christmas Fayre. Due to their efforts £750.00 was raised with 'Homes' contributing £200.00 towards this in sponsorship.

Some of you may wish to know that the number of sweets on the gingerbread house was 283. We are pleased to say Kate Blanchard was the nearest with a guess of 299.

Please look out for further details of events and coffee mornings being organised by FOBL throughout the year. If you wish to get involved, please speak to Kirsty Jeffrey or Kim Woolford.

### **Have you ever considered volunteering as a Governor?**

If so now is your chance to apply as the Bushy Leaze Governing Body currently has Co-opted Governor 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, especially if you come from a financial background 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.

We wish to welcome Sam Hawkins onto our Governing Body as a newly appointed Parent Governor. For full details of those currently serving on the Governing Body, please visit our website or see details held opposite the reception desk



Training for Parents and Carers

**Beginners' Workshop**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**9.15am - 3.30pm**

**At Bushy Leaze Children's Centre**

**£30.00 (cost of manuals)**

#### **Recommended for:**

- Family members, carers and workers who need to use Makaton at home and in their work
- Essential part of entry criteria for Makaton Local Tutor Training

#### **Learn:**

- Practical introductory workshop
- Signs and symbols from the Core Vocabulary Stages 1-4 and Additional
- Methods for implementing and using Makaton

#### **Participants receive:**

- Two Manuals (which include the signs and symbols learnt)
- Certificate of attendance

#### **For more information and booking details contact:**

**Sarah Ameer-Beg**  
**Makaton Tutor**  
**Senior Early Years Practitioner**  
**Bushy Leaze Children's Centre**

To book your place, please contact the Centre

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Spring Half Term Holiday from Mon 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
(Holiday Playscheme Tues 13 & Wed 14<sup>th</sup> February)

Little Squirrels (9.30 – 11.00 a.m.) – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

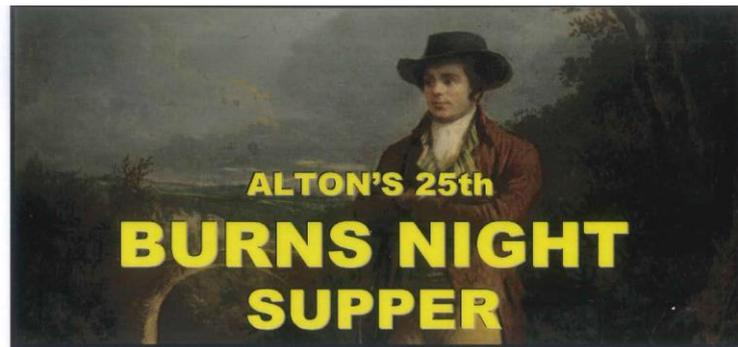
Dad's Matter (10.00 – 11.30 a.m.) – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Easter Holiday from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Half Term Holiday from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Inset Day (Staff training day) Centre closed - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Summer Holiday from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July to – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018

It is not too late to book tickets for Burns Night or to volunteer for the bar or to wait on tables (see below)



CELEBRATE SCOTLAND'S GREAT POET, ROBERT BURNS

**Saturday, 27 January 2018**

7.00 – 11.00 p.m.

**EGGARS SCHOOL HALL**



**SCOTTISH MENU**

**DANCING to live Band  
PIPER ENTERTAINMENT**

**QUIZ & RAFFLE**

In aid of Bushy Leaze Children's & Families' Centre

**BOOKING NOW !**

for details email [tubman@btinternet.com](mailto:tubman@btinternet.com) or 'phone 01420 82630

**CATERING by JILL WORTH & BRILLIANT FOBL TEAM !**



Saturday 10th February 2018

Alton Methodist Church Hall

10.00am - 12.00noon

**Seedy Saturday**



Bring seed to swap or take some for a small donation  
Refreshments Available

To find out more about ALFI visit our website

[www.AltonLocalFood.org.uk](http://www.AltonLocalFood.org.uk)