



Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the summer term. We hope you and your children had an enjoyable Easter break.

The Family Support Team

Despite the April showers the Play Scheme proved as popular as ever, with children and staff having a great time. The pictures below are proof of some of the fun they had.



Booking forms are now available for Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th May. Places are only available to 3 to 5 year olds. Please ask reception staff or Linda Turner for a form, and remember payment must be made when booking.

Little Squirrels

The next session of Little Squirrels is being held on Saturday 21st April. 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 A.Murch@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk

The Home Learning Library

Is proving popular with families, as a number of parents are now choosing an activity/game to play together at home on a weekly basis. Special packs will now be available each **Thursday** from 8.35 a.m. and 12.35 instead of Wednesday. Heather Palmer will be available most Thursdays to help with your choice and to take in packs which are being returned. Remember when returning packs to make sure they are all intact. If any of the items in the pack are missing, please let Audrey, Linda or Heather know so they can find replacements.

Audrey and Ann will be running a Home Learning Making Resources Workshop on Wednesday 2nd May from 9.00 – 11.30 a.m. and 1.00 – 3.30 p.m. All are welcome to come along, please contact Audrey on the above telephone number or email A.Murch@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk, if you wish to attend

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I am sure like us you would like to wish Linda Turner many happy returns following her special birthday 16th April.

Nursery

The nursery children have been busy over the past few weeks doing a variety of activities. They celebrated the Chinese New Year (year of the Dog) and were able to dress up as their favourite book characters for 'World Book Day' albeit later than hoped due to the snowy conditions. Some children also had the experience of visiting the local library, which was made even more exciting by Amery Hill allowing a member of our staff to drive their mini bus for the short trip. Ginny Boxall, a local artist, came along to read her first book to the children, 'Harvey the magical Hare and the tale of Bushy Leaze woods and meadows'. She has another book in the pipeline and she is hoping to donate some of the proceeds to the Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund.

Rosie, along with some of the children, made the Grand Old Green Machine just in time for it to produce small Easter eggs.



Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund

(Registered Charity no. 1168585)

Thanks to the great thaw and Luath Grant-Ferguson's hard work and hosting skills, the Early Spring Concert, which took place on the 3rd March, was a great success raising the sum of £850.00. The evening was very enjoyable with a whole range of singing, instruments being played, poetry and the odd anecdote. Thank you to all those who

took part and to the Alton Methodist Church who allowed the use of their facilities free of charge. It was lovely to see the great range of local talent.

Quiz Night

being held
at

**Beech Village Hall, Abbey Road, Beech,
GU34 4AP**

on

Saturday 19th May

7.00 p.m.

in aid of

 **Bushy Leaze**
Children and Families Centre



To book your ticket/s and place your food order, please
contact **Ann Blackman** on **01420 87675** or
email: A.Blackman@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk

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ALTON VICTORIAN CRICKET

As we stated as breaking news in our last newsletter, Alton Victorian Cricket has nominated Bushy Leaze as their

charity for 2018. Please keep Sunday 24th June free as this is a great community event with lots of fun for all the family. There will be variety of stalls, activities for children, food and drink. Bushy Leaze plan to make this our Summer fair and we will keep you informed as plans develop. To find out more about past events and the history visit <http://altonvictorianscricket.org>



Prior to the 24th June Alton Lions will be holding their annual 'Party in the Park'. This will be taking place on Saturday 16th June and the theme for this year event is 'Super Heroes'. Once again Bushy Leaze will have a stall at the event, so please come along and have some fun! The Alton Lions Club has remained very supportive of Bushy Leaze over the years and still continue to raise funds for us through their annual 'Eggstravaganza'.

Friends of Bushy Leaze

The Easter Fayre hosted by FOBL raised the sum of £110.00. We wish to congratulate the following children who won prizes for the egg decorating competition:

Finley Clark

Riley Gibson

Mim Rowland and Finnley Wilson

For those of you wondering, the Rabbit was called Rebecca and Max Simpson correctly named her.

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 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. If you know someone who may be interested, please point them in our direction.

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.

Short Break Consultation

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Hampshire County Council is holding a 12 week consultation to gather views on proposed changes for its Short Break Activities Programme from April 2019 onwards. This consultation is an opportunity for people to inform the future of Hampshire's Short Break Activities Programme. This consultation seeks your feedback on a number of proposals for different ways that the Short Break Activities Programme could be provided from April 2019 onwards.

The proposed changes aim to maintain an effective programme, within a reduced budget, that provides good quality breaks for parents and carers of disabled children, while providing fun and educational opportunities for the children and young people receiving them.

Please note this consultation will close at midnight on Sunday 3 June 2018.

You can find out more and have your say by visiting

www.hants.gov.uk/shortbreakconsultation

A number of drop-in sessions are being held over the coming weeks, which are also shown on the above website. Please see below a list of some of the dates and venues-

Friday 27th April 10.00 – 11.30a.m. **The Swan Inn**, 11 West Street, Alresford, SO24 9AD

Thurs May 3rd 5.00 – 7.00p.m. **Aldershot Library**, 109 High Street, GU11 1DQ

Wed May 16th 9.00 – midday **Basingstoke Library**, Festival Place Shopping Centre, Basingstoke, RG21 7LS

URGENT NOTICE

Parking at Bushy Leaze

In the interests of the safety of our children, and to promote a healthy ethos, we will be making changes to parking from Monday 23rd April.

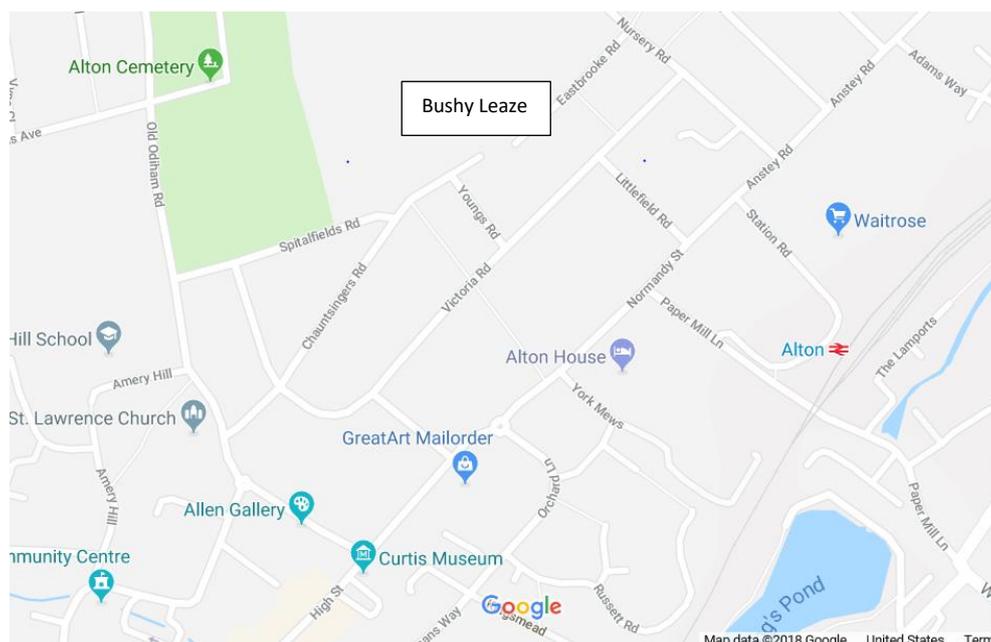
The gates to the car park will be closed between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm. The exceptions to this will be:

- Disabled badge holders
- Taxis and minibus
- Staff
- Special exceptions

If you feel that you could be considered as a special exception, or that your circumstances will make this particularly difficult for you, please do not hesitate to come in and chat to Patti.

Whilst we appreciate it is difficult to park in the immediate vicinity, we are keen to promote walking as part of a healthy lifestyle or 'park and stride' for those parents and carers who live a bit further away.

There is sometimes street parking in Chauntsingers Road, Spitalfields Road or Nursery Road, and there is a pay and display car park at the railway station. There is also a pay and display car park on the corner of Victoria Road and St Lawrence Road and we are currently looking into passes for this, please let us know if you would be interested in a pass.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Little Squirrels (9.30 – 11.00 a.m.) – Saturday 21st April 2018

Saturday Dads – Saturday 5th May

Quiz Night – Saturday 19th May at 7.00 p.m.

Summer Half Term Holiday from Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June
(Play scheme running Tues 29th & Weds 30th)

Inset Days (Staff training days) Centre closed - Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th June

Alton Lions – 'Party in the Park' Saturday 16th June

Alton Victorian Cricket – Sunday 24th June

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