

Dear Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and made the most of the sunshine. The children, once again, have a variety of activities arranged for them over the coming months

### The Nursery

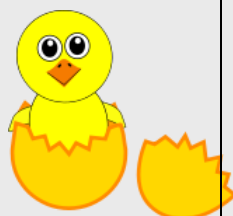
The same time the sun made an appearance the nursery play area was completed. The children have had a really great time exploring all the new areas and equipment. The car track proved very popular on the first day, but most recently the children have discovered the ship that has run aground on the beach. An official "Garden Opening" is to be arranged, to which parents and sponsors will be invited. As well as the excitement of the outside area the children



had the pleasure of enjoying the music and instruments provided by Earthsong who once

again visited the nursery just before the Easter break.

The children will also have the opportunity of watching chickens being hatched over the next couple of weeks, as 'Living Eggs' have provided the eggs and equipment for this to take place.



## Congratulations!

to Mia Tarrant in Bumblebees who managed to guess the name of the Lion. For those of you wondering, he was named Simba. Mia not only won the Lion, but the huge Easter egg. Once again we wish to thank Alton Lions for organising this and for raising funds for Bushy Leaze. Hopefully we will be able to report the final sum raised in our next newsletter.

The next Alton Lions event is the 'Party in the Park', in the Public Gardens on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. The theme this year is 'Flying Circus', which will involve a variety of circus themed activities. This event will help to raise funds for the children at Treloar School & College. Bushy Leaze will also have a stall at the event, so please come along and join in the fun!

### The Children's Centre

Don't forget that here at Bushy Leaze the children's centre provides a range of groups and courses for families from pre-birth to children up to 5 who live in Alton, Holybourne and Froyle, for example parents and baby/toddlers groups, parenting courses, PEEP, Cook and Eat, baby weaning, baby sensory and holiday stay and play sessions. For further information, please call or visit our website.

After returning from the Easter break you may have noticed the new path between Bushy Leaze and Anstey School. This is as a result of Anstey very generously donating the strip of land to us, so that we can extend our toddler garden. This will make a huge difference. We are currently getting quotes and ideas from several different companies and hope to progress with the garden in the summer. Watch this space!

Alton Buckle are currently in the middle of running a successful MEND programme.



Alton Buckle will also be hosting the Alton Holiday Activities Event, which is being held at Alton Community Centre on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June between 2.00 – 6.00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to meet with different activity providers and try out some of the activities, which will be running during the holidays, as well as make bookings for children during the summer holidays. Do come along and see what fun can be had! Watch this space for details of a new webpage called 'Have a go' with details of learning and activity opportunities for you and your family. Information is also posted on the Alton Buckle Children's Partnership Facebook page. Why don't you 'like' us to keep up to date with all that is happening in and around Alton?



### Friends of Bushy Leaze

The Easter Cake Sale held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March raised the sum of £95.00. Thank you to everyone who baked, helped and/or ate!

The colouring a bunny competition proved popular with a number of entries. Our congratulations to the following children for winning:-

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Joshua Jackson

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize George Booth

Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Amber Holloway & Rylee Morgan

### Schools September 2015

If you have a child currently attending our nursery setting who will be starting school in September, can you please inform Tammy or Louisa what school placement he/she will be moving on to. A list is being compiled at reception. You are reminded that you must go into the new school to accept the place before 30<sup>th</sup> April and take with you your child's birth certificate and proof of address. Thank you

**New Centre Development Plans** are being drawn up and we would like your input. Look out for a questionnaire asking your views on what we do and can offer. If you can, pop in on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May, to talk with us over tea/coffee and cake about your ideas and our plans.

**Lunch club** is proving very popular with the nursery children and as such we wish to remind parents to make sure all sandwich bags and boxes are clearly marked with the child's name, as a number of boxes are very similar. Ice packs may also be beneficial, especially once the weather becomes warmer. A gentle reminder, too, that we encourage not only independence, but also healthy choices. Ideas for healthy lunches can be found on [www.nhs.uk/Change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/Change4life) or ask a member of staff.



for your patience whilst the car parking was limited before Easter. Now that Summer is on its way, why not take advantage of the good weather and continue the healthy habit of walking to Bushy Leaze?!

### Dates for your Diary

BANK HOLIDAY **School closed Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Pop in session for your opinions – Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday: Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Back to school:** Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Alton Holiday Activities Event

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Alton Lions 'Party in the Park'

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Open Day and Summer Fete

**Last day of Term Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

**Closed for INSET day Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

