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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children are looking forward to the coming weeks, as Christmas approaches, there are lots of fun activities planned.

A number of things have happened since the start of term, including an Ofsted inspection. If you are not aware, we are delighted to tell you that Bushy Leaze has once again been judged as 'Outstanding'. We wish to take the opportunity to thank parents who took the time to complete the Ofsted survey online, as we know this had to be done at short notice. If you wish to see the full report it is available on our website.

Staff News

It is with great sadness that we have said goodbye to Heather Burgess. Many of you will have known her for a number of years, as she has been a very important part of our admin team working for both the Children's Centre and Nursery. We wish her all the best in her new role at the Community Hospital.

Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund

You may be aware there have been a number of changes throughout Hampshire concerning the closure of Children's Centres. Bushy Leaze is hoping to continue running most of the services which were being funded by Hampshire County Council. To do this, we have set up a registered charity called Bushy Leaze Community Support Fund (Reg. Charity Number: 1168585). 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 or if you have any other thoughts, please speak to Patti or any of the reception staff.

Friends of Bushy Leaze

Friends of Bushy Leaze have recently held a very successful Halloween Party for families attending nursery. Over the coming weeks they will be organising a variety of events, so please clear your diaries. They intend having a stall at the Alton Yuletide Festival, which takes place on Sunday 4th December. They are excited to be organising their first Christmas Market and Carol event on Friday 9th December at Anstey School's Playing Fields between 5 – 8.00 p.m. There will be singing, not only from the children, but the 'Rock Choir' has been booked and so far 25 stallholders will be selling a whole range of wonderful things. It promises to be an enjoyable evening for everyone. Then on Wednesday the 14th December they will be putting on their annual Christmas Fayre at Bushy Leaze. Don't miss it, Father Christmas will be there!

Please keep an eye for further details and come along to support them.

Nursery Schools under Threat

The government is proposing drastic funding cuts to all maintained nursery schools. This means that from 2019 400 nurseries throughout the country will be unable to exist in their current form

At the moment they provide education for 3 – 5 year olds and like Bushy Leaze some now offer places to 2 year olds. 97% of them, which includes Bushy Leaze, are rated good or outstanding by Ofsted, a standard not matched by any other part of the education system.

If you wish Bushy Leaze and other nurseries to continue to provide your child with the best start to their educational journey, please visit www.savenurserieschools.org for full details and complete the online petition by

Tuesday 22nd November.



Congratulations!

Once again the children attending Bushy Leaze nursery entered works of art for the annual Alton Art Society Exhibition. Our congratulations to all the

children who took part and showed such artistic flair, especially the following children who won prizes in their category:-

Layla Brown – 1st
Saskia Chiverton – 2nd
Jack Watts – 3rd

Little Squirrels

Little Squirrels is a new Saturday Stay and Play session which will be running for SEN children under 5. The first session will be held on Saturday 10th December 9.30 – 11.00a.m at a cost of £3.00 per family and a contribution of fruit for snack-time. After the initial session, Little Squirrels will be held on the third Saturday of each month. Siblings are welcome to attend providing they are not above 5 years of age. For further information, please contact Audrey via her email:



A.Murch@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk.

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

Foundations Teaching School Alliance



Bushy Leaze is proud to be a lead school for the Foundations Teaching School Alliance. We are very excited that in Alton 15 local schools have come together to set up an Initial Teacher Training programme, officially launched at a meeting with our MP Damian Hinds. If you or anyone you know is interested in getting into teaching, and looking at the possibility of starting training in September 2017, please contact Clare or email teaching.school@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk.



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**Home-Start WeyWater
Alton, Bordon & Liphook**

Whilst thinking of Christmas events Home-Start will be holding their 'Santa Run and Fun' on Sunday 11th December from 1-4.00 p.m. at Alton Market Square. There will be races, stalls, music,

refreshments, including mulled wine and lots of fun for all the family. For further information, including registration details if you wish to enter any of the races, please visit www.homestart-weywater.org.uk

Starting School in September 2017

If your child will be 4 years old between the 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, please remember you can now apply for a school place either

- 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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE is
Sunday 15th January 2017**

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

We are on hand to help you apply

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 17th Nov – Children in Need Day
'Pyjama Day'

Fri 9th Dec – FOBLE event at
Anstey Junior Sch Sports Field 5 – 8p.m.

Sun 11th Dec – Santa Run & Fun at
Market Square 1 – 4p.m.

Wed 14th Dec – FOBLE Christmas Fayre

Fri 16th – Nursery Christmas Party Day
*Shorter sessions will run on this day
9.15 – 11.15a.m. and 12.45 – 2.45p.m.
Don't forget, children can wear Christmas jumper
or favourite Christmas outfit*

Christmas Holiday

19th Dec 2016 – 2nd Jan 2017

Tues 3rd January – CLOSED – staff training day

Wed 4th January 2017 – start of spring term