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# Foundations

## Teaching School Alliance

Issue 1

*"Building Strong Foundations for Life"*

### **Three Maintained Nursery Schools in Hampshire Launch Teaching School Alliance**

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the Foundations Teaching School Alliance.

Last September, the three outstanding Maintained Nursery Schools in Hampshire (Bushy Leaze, Haven and Lanterns) were granted Teaching School status by the National College for School Leadership. Teaching Schools are part of the government's plan to give schools more freedom to take increasing responsibility for driving improvement in the quality of professional practice across all phases of education.

Maintained Nursery Schools have a proven track record in providing high quality early years education for 3 and 4 year olds, and the concept of sharing good practice is firmly embedded in their tradition and ethos. As a Teaching School Alliance, our role is to identify and co-ordinate expertise across our alliance so that through collaboration and the sharing of good practice, we are able to offer training and support for schools and early years settings. As specialist providers of care and education for children with SEND, we are particularly keen to focus on inclusive practice in early years. Together with our partners, it is our aim to provide a range of professional development opportunities for early years students, teachers, practitioners and leaders at all stages in their career.

The strapline of our alliance 'Building Strong Foundations for Life', captures our shared belief that high quality learning experiences in the early years are crucial for children's future educational outcomes and life chances. Just as we believe that children's learning should be meaningful and exciting, our vision is to provide training and support packages that are designed to instill passion and enthusiasm in early years practitioners, underpinned by sound pedagogical knowledge. We believe this is the most effective way of building strong foundations for learning.

We very much look forward to working with you.



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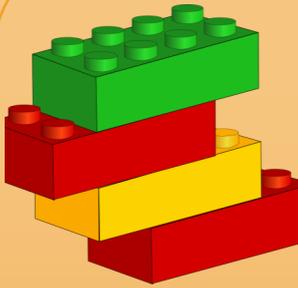
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### Training Opportunities coming up



**Each of the three Nursery Schools has its own specialisms, and more detailed information about the development opportunities we plan to offer will be available shortly in our training booklet.**

*"Really interesting and useful course with lots of good tips which I will use. I particularly enjoyed the more practical elements of the course".*

#### **Bushy Leaze are offering a Two day course on Sensory Processing and ASD**

Alison Cairns, Paediatric Occupational Therapist is delivering practical sessions on Sensory Processing and Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

for practitioners working in the early years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Alison is a specialist member of the Sensory Integration Network of UK and Ireland and brings a wealth of experience to these interesting sessions, which all include practical strategies for the classroom.

£250 per delegate.

**Dates at Bushy Leaze**, Eastbrooke Road, ALTON GU34 2DR:  
23rd and 30th September 2016,  
24th March and 7th April 2017 and  
9th and 16th June 20

Please contact Bushy Leaze—  
teaching.school@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk / 01420 87675 to request more information and obtain a booking form  
Visit Alison Cairns' Website:

**Haven** is currently offering an opportunity to experience a day in our Forest School as part of our 'Forest Fusion' training.

This is a Professional Development Programme facilitated by qualified and experienced Forest School Leaders for Teachers and EY Practitioners to develop confidence in their ability to take the curriculum outside, helping children become more active, connect with nature and become more aware of environmental and sustainability issues.

#### **Contact Haven Nursery School for more details.**

Coming soon .... Sensory play for mixed age groups in the EYFS  
Interactive Storytelling Workshops  
Early Years Maths Workshops



Dates are currently being fixed for visitor mornings to our settings. These will provide an opportunity to observe outstanding practice both indoors and outdoors and share our approach to observation and assessment, including the involvement of parents as partners. Details to follow.

#### **Leadership Development Programme**

Running in the Alton area from September 2016 through to Summer 2017.

This programme is aimed at enthusiastic, aspiring and current leaders who are keen to develop their practice. The course will be facilitated by Katy Pinchess, Headteacher at Bentley CE School and Shelley Kinteh, Deputy Headteacher at Eggar's School.

For more information please contact: teaching.school@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk or call 01420 87675 (option 2)

Deadline for applications 15th July 2016.

