



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DDCS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 13th July.
(Followed by a committee meeting)



NEW DATE – Sunday 4th September
(outside number 97 High Street)



Christmas Party. Sunday 4th December. Oakfield Centre.



Aladdin. Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.
Saturday 12th January 2017
Starina Lisa Riley, Joe McElderry, Doreen & Ian Adams

Chair: Mrs Tracey Willetts. 43 Chichester Avenue, Netherton, Dudley. DY2 9JL
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Secretary: Mrs Karen Forbes-Chapman.
Email: karenforbeschapman@yahoo.co.uk

Membership secretary/Newsletter: Mrs Shelagh James. 39 Alderdale Avenue, Sedgley, West Midlands. DY3 3TY **E.mail:** shelagh.james@hotmail.co.uk

Treasurer: Mr Nick James.

Dates for committee meetings

Anyone is welcome to come to our informal committee meetings – the dates are on the Newsletters and the DDCS website/calendar, so please try to come and see what we do to help you, your children, and your family. Light refreshments are served.

The Meeting Room, Stourbridge Community Fire Station, Parkfield Road, Stourbridge. DY8 1HA

Wednesday 13th July - AGM
Wednesday 14th September



Dudley Deaf Children's Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(followed by a committee meeting)

Wednesday 13th July

7pm – 9pm

The Meeting Room, Stourbridge Community Fire Station, Parkfield Road, Stourbridge. DY8 1HA

Chair: Mrs Tracey Willetts (Parent)
Secretary: Mrs Karen Forbes-Chapman (Parent)
Membership secretary/Newsletter: Mrs Shelagh James.
Treasurer: Mr Nick James (Parent)

Current committee members:

Gill Pillar (Head of Hearing Impairment Service), Kathyrn Miskin (Parent), Helen Fox (Parent), Jan Evans, Vikki Pearce (Ashwood Park RBD), Anne Seed (Ashwood Park RBD), Beryl Rayner, Emily Smith (Parent), Jill Ozolls (Parent), Karen Tromans (Audiology, BHHSC Centre), Claire Gater (Parent).

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Next year **DUDLEY DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** will be **40** years old. **(Ruby Anniversary).**
How should we celebrate?
Party? Disco? Outing / Theme Park?



Please let us know your ideas - otherwise we will do nothing at all



Starting School: Education NDCS is inviting all families with deaf children who are pre-school age to join us on this one day event to learn more about how to support deaf children at school, how to enforce yours and your child's rights and learn more about their communication and the technology outside of school.

Workshops include:

- Finding the right school
- Ensuring equality and inclusion
- Learning about local services

During the workshops children will be cared for by a mobile crèche.

Lunch and refreshments are provided.

Cost: Free to members

Places are filled on a first come, first served basis. Families need to complete a booking form to book a place.

To book a place follow the link below and download a booking form and return it to the address provided on the website.

[Starting School: Education rights and responsibilities, 04 June, Hinckley](#)

[Starting School: Education rights and responsibilities, 25 June, Liverpool](#)

[Starting School: Education rights and responsibilities, 09 July, Telford](#)

The NDCS events calendar is now available for events taking place between April - October, please take a look; http://www.ndcs.org.uk/whats_on/september_to_march.html

If you have any questions, please contact the NDCS on events@ndcs.org.uk or call them on 0121 234 9832.



The **NDCS Families magazine summer 2016** is now available to read online or download. As usual there are some really interesting articles.

THANK YOU



As part of Deaf Awareness Week - My Big Cake Bake, Lucy Rowe, her family, friends, colleagues, members of Step 2 It, Hurst Green Family Church, and members of the public, raised over £2500 which will be shared between the NDCS/DDCS.

There were cakes, a pig roast, refreshments, raffle, face painting, bouncy castle, music/DJ, and much more – and the sun shone ☀️

We hope to buy some equipment which will benefit deaf children in Dudley, and also support DDCS activities which we hold regularly for deaf children, students and their families who are members of Dudley Deaf Children's Society.

What a fantastic effort! **THANK YOU** again.





THANK YOU



THANK YOU to **TESCO** Community Champion Susan Goodby and Farm To Fork Kerry Lowe for a £20 Gift Voucher which we are putting towards a new green Gazebo with sides.



JULY	AUGUST
Anisa B	Chloe B
Malaika H	Warren C
Harvey J	Alex D
Caitlin M	Sundus E
Pixie M-C	Abbie M
Charlotte P	Chloe M
Shannay T	Faith P
Azan Y	

DUDLEY DEAF YOUTH CLUB

Please contact SAJID or send a text message to the DDYC TEAM PHONE to see when the next session will be.

WHAT? Dudley Deaf Youth Club, in partnership with Dudley MBC.

WHO? For all children, aged 11-19years, with a hearing loss, living in the Dudley Borough or surrounding areas.

WHERE? Russells Hall Youth Centre, Overfield Drive, Dudley. DY1 2NX.

WHEN? Thursdays, 6-15pm – 8.15pm.

WHY? To meet new friends, enjoy new experiences, and have FUN.

INTERESTED? Contact SAJID REHMAN,
01384 813900 07799070630

sajidrehman@dudley.gov.uk

or

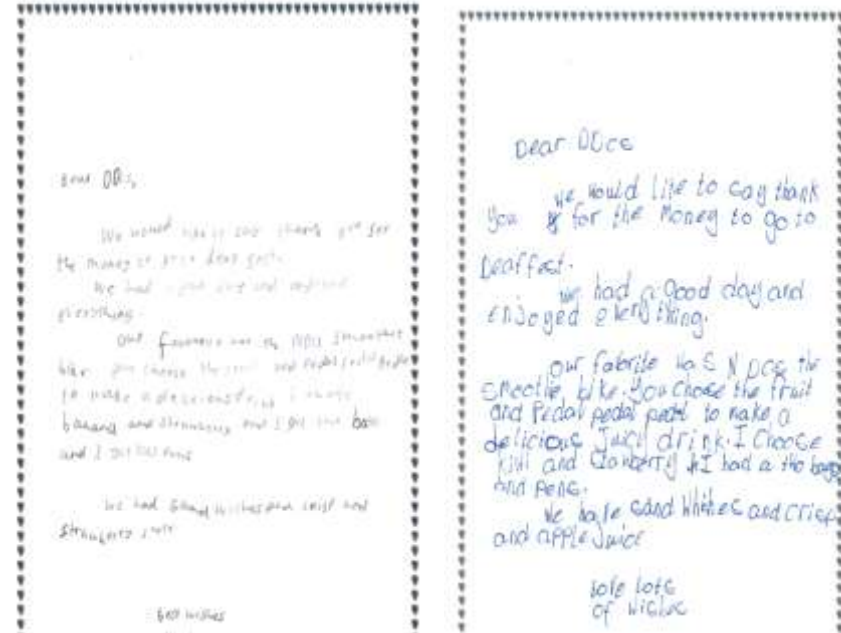
One of the team (only available on Thursdays) 0774503453

TEXT MESSAGES ONLY



Deaffest. Friday 6th -8th May , Wolverhampton.

We have received two **Thank You** letters from pupils at Ashwood Park Resource Base for the Deaf. We are so pleased you enjoyed your day, and especially liked making the delicious juicy strawberry / kiwi drink and the banana / strawberry drink.



Me2 deaf-friendly activities are all about making clubs and organisations fully accessible to all children.



Me2 deaf-friendly activities support your deaf child / children to access mainstream leisure activities. Please remember that many of these organisations will not have worked with deaf children before, but are very keen to do so and are willing to learn with Me2 support.

Visit the Me2 website or the NDCS website for details on how to contact any of the clubs to find out how you can get involved!

[Arts Organisations](#) [Leisure Organisations](#) [Sports Organisations](#)
[Disclaimer](#)

KINVER FAYRE



NEW DATE
SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER



DDCS stall outside number 97 High Street
KINVER FAYRE

If you had already bought tickets for 19th June, then they are still valid for the 4th September.

DDCS stall selling decorated CUPCAKES, LOTS OF **NEW** BOOKMARKS, WRISTBANDS.



FREE DDCS BALLOONS




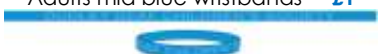
Learn to fingerspell your name



By Jessica Shepherd
Cakesculpture13@gmail.com
Phone number, **text only**, 07498609333
Cake Sculpture is also in Facebook



Bookmarks
50 pence each

Children's light blue wristband **£1**

Adults mid blue wristbands **£1**




Parents/Carers & Toddlers Group
The Stourbridge Children and Families Centre, Forge Rd, Stourbridge, DY8 1XF



Friday 10th June Friday 1st July

Monthly Friday Sessions during term time 10:00 until 12:00

For more information please contact: gillian.pillar@dudley.gov.uk
Gill Pillar, Head of Service, The Hearing Impairment Service, The Mere Education Centre, Stourbridge, DY8 5PQ Tel: 01384 818003 Text: 07827873498



Our Supporter Promise

With your support, we commit to helping more deaf people every year. We promise to spend your donations effectively and we pride ourselves on not using aggressive fundraising techniques.

Over 900 deaf people are supported with a hearing dog.

How is your money spent? Hearing Dogs for Deaf People have created a new website with a whole new section on how the puppies are trained and how the dogs actually help deaf people. There are over 100 pages to explore.

www.hearingdogs.org.uk



The NDCS would like your photographs!



The NDCS is due to go live with their new website in the Autumn and they would like to include photographs from local groups and families. If you have any photographs that you would like to share – the NDCS would like to have them! For the images to look their best, please don't resize or compress your photos before you send them.

The NDCS will need consent from everyone in the picture – just complete the easy form attached to this email.