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Chairperson: Mrs. Helen Fox
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Next committee meetings: Wednesday 5th July 2023
Wednesday 6th September 2023

Our next meeting is due to take place at **7.00pm on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at Stourbridge Fire Station Community Room and also via a Zoom link. **please note change of day/date****

If you wish to join us, either in person or on Zoom, please email Jan at dudleydeafchildrenssociety@yahoo.com for further details.



A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members.

July	August
Azan Y	Chloe B
Malika H	Lily May W
Pixie M-C	Alfie D
William F	Maisy T
Charlotte A	Scarlett-Jo H
Dexter L	Muhammad Adil M
Marta S	James S
Eamon Mohammed F	Sundus E
	Declan G
	James P
	Morgan B
	Charley K

Hearing/Visual Impairment Services
Parents/Carers & Toddlers Group

The Stourbridge Centre, Forge Road,
Stourbridge, DY8 1XF
Sessions 9:45 - 11:45

Our group is open to all parents/carers with their hearing impaired/visually impaired babies, toddlers and pre-school brothers and sisters.

Session dates 2023



Usually, the first and third Fridays each month.

Contact Louise Westwood on **07824598809** for further information.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023

Summer Term 2023

Term ends Tuesday 25th July 2023

Autumn Term 2023

Term starts Monday 4th Sept 2023
½ term Mon 24th – Fri 28th Oct 2023
Term ends Friday 16th Dec 2023

We would like to welcome new members Charley K, Owen B and Sulaiman F to the Society. We look forward to meeting you and your families at one of our upcoming events very soon.

BSL TOUR – FASHION HAIRSTYLES

Black Country Living Museum
Saturday 15th July at 2pm
Contact BCLM directly to book your tickets



DDCS CHECKS OUT NETWORK RAIL BSL SIGNAGE

On Saturday 25th June, representatives from DDCS were invited to New Street Station in Birmingham to check out and provide feedback on Network Rail's new BSL friendly signage.

The Duty Station Manager, Dani, met us on arrival and along with Anthony from LB Foster, who has played a major part in the system development, we were taken to 'test out' the BSL signed information screens.

New Street station have 19 of these display screens sited around the station including some on the main concourse and others situated through the ticket barriers, on the entrance to the platform area.

Currently, the signed information only includes details of departing trains. The large screens have text with the departures followed underneath with a signed interpretation of the information. The screens display the next 9 or 10 due departures on a rolling screen.

Both of our young representatives (and their parents) agreed this was a major improvement in inclusion for the deaf community travelling by train and said they would now feel more confident in travelling alone by train should they need to. We also provided feedback on any improvements which we thought may be useful for future developments such as including BSL as an option on the 'choice of language' screen.

The information boards also carry information on walking directions, route planners, arrivals and any delays and we expressed a hope that future developments might also provide BSL signing for these applications.

We were also shown the Passenger Assistance lounge (we didn't know it existed either!) This is another service available to passengers who need assistance when travelling and can be booked online 2 hours before your travel time. You will be met at the station and escorted to or from your train or you can be assisted to make any connections for onward journeys. Another fantastic service!

Dani and Anthony thanked us for our feedback and have said that they will keep us updated with any future developments and that we may even be invited back to review those at some point.

Watch this space for any further updates in the future.



CHESTER ZOO – HERE WE COME!

DDCS Summer trip to Chester Zoo

Wednesday 2nd August

Free Deaf child and carer

Adult £12 Child £8

Coach pick up from Dudley



contact us by email – dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com

We hope you all have an amazing day out and look forward to your feedback.

We are looking forward to our family day out at Chester Zoo on 2nd August.

Booking has now closed and we are pleased to say that we have an amazing 108 people attending our day out.

Free coach travel is provided for those who have requested it, information on departure times will be sent in a separate email shortly.

For those choosing to travel independently, meeting place and time will be emailed to you shortly.

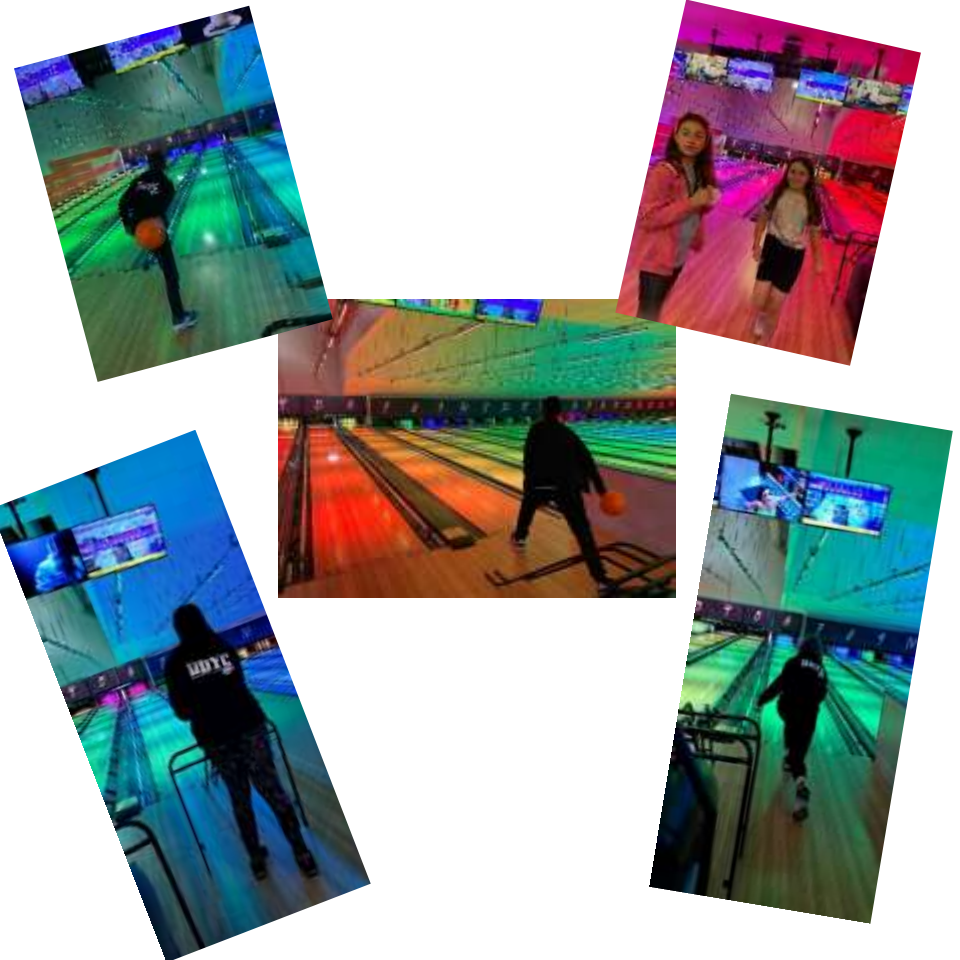
If you have applied for tickets, but have not received any confirmation of allocation, please

DUDLEY DEAF YOUTH CLUB (DDYC)

At our May meeting, we had a great night at tenpin bowling, Dudley

It is fair to say that the adults were well and truly beaten by the youngsters!

As well as 2 games of bowling, we all enjoyed our burger and chips.



If your deaf child is aged 10 to 18 and would like to come along to Youth Club to meet new friends and have fun, then **our next meeting is on Thursday 20th July 2023** from 6pm to 8pm at Queens Cross Network, Wellington Road, Dudley, DY1 1RB. Cost is £3 per member per session.

NDCS NEWS

New driving test prompt cards for deaf young people.

The DVLA has released new prompt cards which deaf young people can use during their driving tests. These cards have short written instructions and diagrams so you know what you need to do.

The examiner can use the cards to ask you questions at the start or end of the test, such as, "Tell me how you'd check that the brakes are working before starting a journey." The examiner will also use the cards during the test to ask you to follow the sat nav or to drive in a certain direction, but only when you're stopped and safely parked.

You can also agree hand signals with your examiner before starting the test, such as for stopping and pulling over, turning left or right or exiting roundabouts.

Make sure to tell your driving instructor about the cards, so they can use them in your lessons too. For more information, visit [gov.uk/government/publications/driving-tests-prompt-cards-to-support-learner-drivers-who-are-deaf](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/driving-tests-prompt-cards-to-support-learner-drivers-who-are-deaf)

If you've recently found out that your baby, toddler, or child has any type of hearing loss, we're here to help.

Join us in person at a friendly and informal event where you can meet our team of experts as well as volunteers and other parents and carers.

These events are free to attend, but booking is essential.

First steps after diagnosis: Support for deaf children and their families

Where and when:

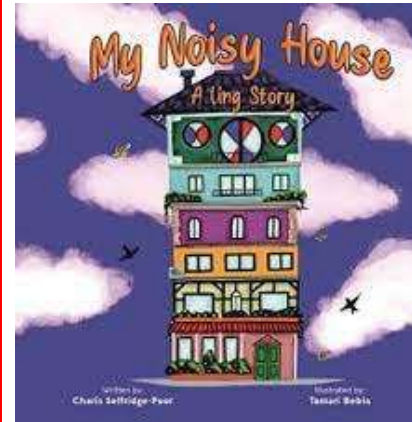
Saturday 23 September 2023

9.30am to 4.30pm

Sense TouchBase Pears, 750 Bristol Road, Birmingham, B29 6NA

Book now at: <https://www.ndcs.org.uk/our-services/our-events/events-for-parents-carers-and-families/supporting-parents-new-to-hearing-loss-in-person-event/register-here/>

BOOKS FOR DEAF CHILDREN



'My Noisy House: A Ling Story' By Charis Selfridge-Poor Available from Amazon Price: £9.99

My Noisy House is a beautifully illustrated rhyming bedtime story about six floors of fun adventures and familiar animals sounds. This loving family story also helps hearing impaired children and kids with cochlear implants and hearing aids learn all six necessary Ling sounds for proper hearing and pronunciation of words.

As your little ones visit their new friends on each level of *My Noisy House*, they can practice hearing and speaking the sounds each character makes, from the 'eee, eee, eee' of Squeak the Mouse on level one to the 'sss, sss, ssss' of the Sam's pet snake on level 3. When your child is detecting all 6 Ling sounds, they have full access to the sounds required for learning to speak properly. Check what your child is hearing with the six-Ling test as they enjoy the story of this lovable, loud family!

'The Silent Sunset' By Mike Dorsey Available from Amazon from £10.68

As the largest and only deaf student at her school, Emma the elephant often feels singled out. Anthony the ant feels different too, being the smallest student at his school, and the only one with hearing loss and cerebral palsy. But when the two find each other—and a mutual love of sunsets—they become fast friends and discover that there is beauty in what makes us different, and serenity in shared experiences.

