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DDCS Committee

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Next committee meetings: AGM - Wednesday 6th September 2023

If you would like to attend the next meeting, it will be our Annual General Meeting and is due to take place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at Stourbridge Fire Station Community Room and also via a Zoom link. Please let me know if you would like to attend wither in person or via Zoom.

******Please note our new contact telephone number******



A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members.

September	October
Mark B	Jessica G
Kimberley C	Riley R
Anthony F-C	Harry S
Reema B K	Caitlyn T
Jacob L	Isaac B
Joshua G	Reuben P
Ellie W	Luna I
Roman B	Mia J
Jeremy J	

A very warm welcome to new members Mia J and Jeremy J. We look forward to meeting you and your family at one of our events soon.

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

Autumn Term 2023

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

Spring Term 2024

Term starts 8th January 2024
½ term Mon 12th – Fri 16th Feb 2024
Term ends 23rd March 2024

Well, the summer holidays certainly flew by this year. We hope you all had a brilliant summer and wish all our school age members Good Luck as you start a new school year.

Take a look at our upcoming events for the remainder of 2023 and early 2024. Details below on how to make a reservation.

We look forward to seeing you and your families at one of our events soon.

Remember, we are always looking for new ideas on places to visit or activities that you might like. So, if you have somewhere or something you would like to share, please email us at

dudleydeafchildrenssociety@yahoo.com and we will consider your ideas.

CHESTER ZOO – WHAT AN AMAZING DAY!

Our DDCS family day out to Chester Zoo in August was a huge success. Altogether 116 of us attended on the day, some travelling on the coach and others making their own way. The rain kept off and feedback received was all positive. Here are just some of the photos from the day.....



Thank you for such a wonderful day. xx



Thank you all for a great day. S had a great time and could access so much which was great. xx

Thank you for helping me and my family make more beautiful memories. xx



We had a lovely time, thank you. xxx



If you have any ideas on where you would like us to try to arrange a day out for next summer, please contact us and we will consider all suggestions.

TODDLER GROUP THANK YOU

Thank you



The parents and staff from the Hearing Impairment babies and toddler group wish to say a huge thank you to DDCS for funding our playgroup trip to Dudley Zoo.

We saw lots of animals, had fun on the rides and as you can see from our photos, while we had a picnic, the sun shone.

We would like to pass on our many thanks to all the fund raising that people have done to support our trip.

DUDLEY DEAF YOUTH CLUB (DDYC)

At our DDYC meeting in July, we created our own pizzas. We started with a basic tomato and cheese base and chose from a variety to toppings to make our favourite flavours.



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 21st September 2023** from 6pm to 8pm at Queens Cross Network, Wellington Road, Dudley, DY1 1RB. Cost is £3 per member per session.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Our DDCS Christmas Party 2023 will take place on Saturday 2nd December 2023 2pm to 4pm at the **Amblecote Christian Centre, 102-104 Brettell Lane, Amblecote, Stourbridge,**



Come along for an afternoon of partying; music and dancing; games and craft activities.

Have your photo taken in the photo booth.

Have a go on our raffles (for a small cost) prizes still to be decided.

The party is free to attend and is open to all our deaf members, their parent/carers and their immediate siblings.

If you would like to attend, **please send an email** to Jan at dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com, stating names and age of deaf child attending, names and ages of siblings and how many parent/carers will be attending. **Please do not reply to this email.**

Please ensure you have the correct ratio of adults to children attending as the safety and welfare of your children will be your responsibility.

We look forward to seeing as many of our families as possible.

OH YES IT IS !!



We have obtained 40 tickets to the 5.15pm signed performance of Jack and The Beanstalk on Sunday 7th January 2024.

Tickets are now available to order. Tickets will be allocated on a first come- first served basis, and will only be reserved when any monies due have been received.

If you would like to request tickets, please contact Jan by email to dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com

Prices are as follows: **Deaf Child – Free**

One accompanying parent – Free

Additional siblings only – £15

Additional accompanying parent/carer – £15

Due to restricted number of tickets, we are unable to offer tickets to anyone other than immediate family of our deaf member.

Please send a separate email with details of name and age of deaf child, names and main contact number of any parent/carer, names and ages of any siblings to Jan at dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com

Once your request is received, you will be informed of any costs. Only once payment is made, you will receive a further email, confirming your allocation of tickets.

Any payments made will be non-refundable.