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DDCS Committee

Chairperson: Mrs. Helen Fox
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Next committee meetings: Wednesday 10th January 2024

If you would like to attend the next meeting, it is due to take place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 10th January 2024 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.



A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members.

January	February
Simrah B	Ellie F
Megan C	Sienna F
Isabella D	Kobie L
Lilly-Mai W	Azaria O
Aisha Bibi K	Holly T
Ruby Ellen W	George W
Michael B	Lily May W
Maebh A	Kian C
Abigail S	Samuel W
Daniel G	Ryan S
Skyla-Rose B	Lexi-Rose H
Leah S	Ellie F
	Sienna F

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 2024

Spring Term 2024

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR
MEMBERS

GOODBYE 2023 HELLO 2024!

Another successful year here at DDCS. We started 2023 with a trip to the Panto, followed by Cadbury World at Easter, Chester Zoo in the Summer and finally our Christmas Party in December. We also enjoyed trips to the Circus with free tickets from Circus Starr and to the West Midlands Safari Park courtesy of the Variety Club.

What a busy year!

As we move into another year, we have meetings planned for January, March, May, July, September and November, when the committee will meet to discuss how to help support our members and their families. We would welcome your input, if you would like to attend or have any suggestions, requests for funding, news to celebrate or if you would just like to come along and contribute to the meetings, you will be more than welcome. Simply contact any Committee member or email us at dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com for more information.

We are busy planning another year of activities and are currently trying to organise another trip to Cadbury World, probably during the Easter School holidays. Again, watch out for the announcement for tickets coming soon.

Summer will hopefully see another family day out, thoughts as to where are under discussion at the moment and after the success of last year's event, Chester Zoo is a favourite contender. However, if you have any thoughts as to where you might like us to visit as a group, (within reasonable travelling distance and reasonably priced to allow all our members the opportunity to attend), please do get in touch.

Plans for this year's Christmas Party are also in hand. The success of the 2023 party has shown that the selected venue is an ideal.

location and the activities previously booked were all a great success. We may however consider alternative activities. Again, any (sensible) suggestions will be well received and considered

Did we enjoy the Panto? OH YES, WE DID!

Our trip to the Panto at Birmingham Hippodrome last weekend was another fantastic success. The hilarity of Matt Slack, alongside Doreen Tipton and Birmingham's own Allison Hammond, made this a magical afternoon out. The special effects were outstanding and seeing Jack climb the magic beanstalk which 'grew' from the middle of the seating area was certainly one of the highlights.



Attending the Panto has become an annual event, and we have already managed to secure tickets to next year's performance of Peter Pan. Again, it will be to a signed performance with the date being Sunday 12th January 2025. With the main star to be Matt Slack again, it will surely be another enjoyable visit to Birmingham Hippodrome. Thank you to all those families who attended this year, we hope you had a fabulous time.

Booking details for next year will be sent out late summer 2024 so watch out for the announcement as tickets sell very quickly.



CHRISTMAS SUCCESS!

Our 2023 Christmas Party was a resounding success. Special thanks to Amblecote Christian Centre for allowing us to hire the room, to Tim from Bea's photobooth and to Louise & co from The Painting Pixie for the facepainting and balloon art.



With food and drinks aplenty, we all had a full afternoon of fun and crafting, topped off with a visit from Santa, who very kindly dished out presents to all our attending children. Thank you, SANTA!

We hope you will join us again at the 2024 party planned for December. More details will follow nearer the time. Congratulations to Paris, Eui and Lewis, winners of our competitions to name the teddy, guess the weight of the cake and how many critters in the jar?

Without the help of the committee and volunteer helpers, these events would not happen so we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all those lovely people who came forward and gave up their time to help especially with the clear-up at the end. YOU ARE ALL AMAZING.





Once again, we have been very kindly given tickets to the circus, courtesy of Circus Starr.

This year's signed performances take place on Tuesday 23rd January, shows at 4.45pm and 7.00pm at Dudley Town Hall.

Tickets are free and available by emailing Helen at dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com

DDYC

Our next Youth Club is due to take place on Thursday 18th January and then Thursday 15th February 2024

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 meetings are on Thursday 16th November and Thursday 21st December 2023** from 6pm to 8pm at Queens Cross Network, Wellington Road, Dudley, DY1 1RB. First session is FREE to attend, then £3 per member per session, thereafter. Please contact Jan for more info by email to dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com or by text to 07745 034531.

What's on locally?

GRAND THEATRE, WOLVERHAMPTON – SIGNED PERFORMANCES

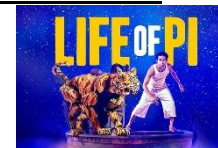


EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE –
SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 7.30PM

Contact the Grand Theatre directly for more information

BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME – SIGNED PERFORMANCES

LIFE OF PI – WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
7.30PM



WICKED - SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2.30PM

Contact Birmingham Hippodrome directly for more information.

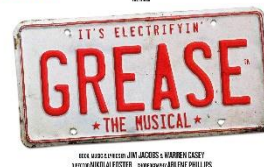
ALEXANDRA THEATRE, BIRMINGHAM – SIGNED PERFORMANCES

THE 39 STEPS – SATURDAY JUNE 8th 2024 2.30PM



★★★★ 'THIS PRODUCTION HAS GLAMOUR AND GRIT'

GREASE – WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY
7.30PM



Contact The Alexandra theatre directly for more information.