

COME AND JOIN US ON OUR DDCS FAMILY DAYS OUT!

SYCAMORE ADVENTURE

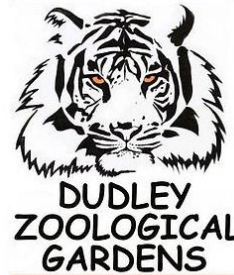
The first family day out is at **The Sycamore Adventure, Sycamore Green, Dudley DY1 3QE** on **Tuesday 26th July 2022**. The centre will be open exclusively to DDCS members and their families from 10am to 4pm.

Entry is **FREE**, however we will need an idea of how many will be attending. If you would like to take advantage of this exciting day out, simply email me (jaevans63@hotmail.co.uk) with the names and ages of the children attending along with the names, addresses and contact details for the parent/carers who will be attending with them by **no later than FRIDAY 15TH JULY 2022**.

**The responsibility for the children, on the day, will remain with the parent/carer, therefore please ensure an appropriate adult to child ratio attends in order to maintain safety of the children.
We look forward to seeing you there!**



COME ALONG AND MEET OTHER DDCS MEMBERS AND ENJOY THE DAY



DDCS have also arranged a family day out to **Dudley ZOO** on **WEDNESDAY 3rd AUGUST**.

The Zoo will be open from 10m to 5.30pm so you will be able to spend the entire day exploring this wonderful zoo.



DDCS is offering free entry for a deaf child along with 2 parent/carers.

Additional family members are welcome to attend and will be charged at: £9.00 per additional adult & £8.00 per additional child

If you haven't already booked and would like a booking form, please contact Jan at jaevans63@hotmail.co.uk and a form will be emailed to you or if you require a printed form, one can be sent in the post. Please complete and return to me (Jan Evans) at the address shown (or by email) as soon as possible but **no later than FRIDAY 22nd JULY 2022**.

Payment can be made by cheque or bank transfer.

DDCS Committee members will be at the venue to meet and greet you, please come and say Hello! We look forward to seeing you all for another fabulous family day of fun.

Please note that there is an additional charge for parking.



Plans are also in motion for our **DDCS Christmas party** this year on **Saturday 3rd December 2022** so keep your diary free!

The party will be held at a different venue this year. It will be at the **Amblecote Christian Centre, 102-104 Brettell Lane, Amblecote, Stourbridge, DY8 4BS.**

Details are still being planned but there will be music and dancing, a photo booth and a visit from Santa himself and more. Details on how to book will be issued at a later date.

As 2022 is flying by and we are already half way through, we have been busy planning for events for next year and we have been lucky enough to reserve tickets for the 2023 Panto. Following the success of the 2022 Panto we have decided to return to **BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME** for a signed performance of **“Dick Whittington” on Sunday 8th January 2023 at 5.15pm.**

The star line has not been fully announced yet but it will star the amazing Matt Slack (anyone who attended this year will remember how hilarious Matt was).



Again, details of how to reserve your tickets will be given at a later date. Watch this space!!

Hearing/Visual Impairment Services



Parents/Carers & Toddlers Group

The Stourbridge Children and Families Centre,
Forge Rd, Stourbridge, DY8 1XF

Fortnightly Friday Sessions

9:45 'til 11:30
See back for dates

Our group is open to all
Parents/Carers,
and their hearing impaired and visually
impaired babies,
toddlers and pre-school brothers
and sisters

Session dates 2022/2023

July 8th
Further dates for September
onwards will be issued as soon as
possible. Please contact Louise
Westwood on **07824598809** to
confirm location.



For more information please contact: Cathryn Skidmore QTVI or Louise Westwood TOD
The Mere Education Centre, Stourbridge, DY8 5PQ
Tel: 01384 818003 Text: 07827873498

TERM DATES 2022

Autumn term

Term starts Monday 5th September
½ term Mon 24th – Fri 28th October
Term ends Friday 16th December 2022

Spring term

Term starts Tuesday 3rd January 2023
½ term Mon 20th to Fri 24th February
Term ends Friday 31st March 2023



July	August
Azan Y	Chloe B
Malika H	Lily May W
Pixie M-C	Alfie D
Pawan A	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

Belated birthday wishes to new DDCS member Seynabou B for June. We hope you had a lovely day.

HELPLINE NUMBER

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DDCS Committee

Chairperson:

Mrs. Helen Fox

Secretary:

Mrs. Karen Forbes-Chapman

Treasurer:

Mr. Nick James

Designated Safeguarding Officer: Mrs. Dawn Bevington

Newsletter editor:

Mrs. Jan Evans.

Next committee meetings:

To Be Confirmed

Our next meeting is yet to be agreed. Details of date, time and venue will be issued as soon as possible.

YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Would you like to be involved with the DDCS Committee? Would you like to have a say in upcoming events and activities affecting your child and other deaf children in our area?

Then please come and join the DDCS Committee. We usually meet every 6 to 8 weeks in an evening. Currently we meet online via Zoom but we are hoping to restart face to face meeting soon at a venue to be arranged. It is not expected that you attend every meeting as we are aware of how precious your spare time can be but if you are only able to attend a few times a year, your input would be invaluable and much appreciated. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please contact us at dudleydeafchildrenssociety@yahoo.com



WELCOME!

DDCS sends a warm welcome to new members **Reuben Powell, Amoor** and **Hoor-Ain Liqman, Bourne Hudson** and to all your families.

We hope to see you all at one of our events very soon.

ACTIVITIES AT HOME

for D/deaf, hard of hearing,
CODA & siblings aged 4 - 7

**FREE ART & CRAFT MATERIALS
CAN BE SENT TO YOUR HOME**

INTERESTED? Please contact us!

email youth@bid.org.uk

mobile 07783 809725



BID SERVICES

Deaf Cultural Centre,
Ladywood Road, Birmingham, B16 8SZ
Mobile 07783 809725
Email youth@bid.org.uk
Website www.bid.org.uk

A charity promoting choice and independence

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NDCS NEWS

Upcoming music workshops for babies and toddlers

NDCS are excited to welcome families from all over the UK to our early years musical workshops taking place in person this summer. Teaming up with Baby Beats, we'll discover how to use music to stimulate bonding, brain development, early communication and literacy skills, and listening skills. Come along, and your child can try out some musical instruments while you get ideas for how to use music at home. You can also use the time to catch up with other families over a hot drink, and our advice and guidance officers will be on hand to answer any questions. Sign up for an Early Years' Summer Music Workshop near you at www.ndcs.org.uk/familyevents

Let's talk At NDCS, we've always made it our mission to listen to deaf young people and find out exactly what support they want from us. In 2022, when most things are available at the touch of a button or through a quick search on Google, we should have worked out that their number one request would be instant responses to the questions they ask. Young people told us they wanted to be able to speak to an expert online – to ask about the technology and support they could get in their new Sixth Form, to find out where they could buy a clear face mask, and to ask for advice on how to give their teacher tips to make sure they look after their radio aid right.

So, earlier this year, we were pleased to launch our live chat service for deaf young people on our website the Buzz. It's completely free and allows young people to connect directly with our lovely Helpline team to ask anything they like. Please do encourage your child to visit buzz.org.uk/live-chat to get started. Our live chat is really easy to use, and after each conversation your child will be emailed a copy so they can look back at the information or links provided. It's completely secure and confidential. I know I would have found this service very useful as a deaf young person. While friends and family were great in so many ways, they couldn't offer the specialist knowledge about deafness I really needed while navigating my teenage years.

Live chat is available 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (not including bank holidays). If we're offline, please remind young people that they can always contact Childline, which runs a 24-hour support service. **Happy chatting!**

The Buzz is launching a brand-new book club especially for deaf young people! All the books will include deaf characters or deafness in the story. If you'd like to take part in #BuzzBookClub, let us know by emailing cyp@ndcs.org.uk and we'll send you a book to review! Look out for #BuzzBookClub reviews on the Buzz: buzz.org.uk

Amazing Science Experiments to Try at Home:



A fun, online session for deaf children to experiment with slime.

Come and join us for a fun slime workshop with other deaf young people. We'll learn how to make our own slime and put it to the test to understand why it behaves the way it does.

When and where: 28 July 2023 from 11am to 12.30pm online

More information: what your child will need to take part

Access to a computer, smartphone or tablet, and an internet connection.

If your child gets a place, we will post out a pack that includes all the materials they will need to build their roller. Once we've confirmed your child's place, we'll send full joining instructions and a pack with materials in.

Register now at <https://www.ndcs.org.uk/our-services/our-events/events-for-children-and-young-people/amazing-science-experiments-to-try-at-home/> or click through from our events on NDCS website.