



# June

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*For children with special needs and disabilities and their siblings*



Welcome to the June newsletter. The year certainly is galloping along. Bookings day is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May. This quite soon and we would appreciate requests being sent in asap. Claire and I get to go to the garden party at Buckingham Palace right in the middle of June and we are having a mini break at the same time. Catch a show etc. It just makes things a bit tighter sending the allocation emails out.

[bookings@lupwolverhampton.org.uk](mailto:bookings@lupwolverhampton.org.uk)

There are always a few housekeeping things to pass on as always. Firstly we have now stopped all our Covid protocols, including testing our staff. Of course if you know your child is Covid positive then we ask you to stay away. It quickly becoming something we will need to live with. I do say this time and time again, but if you know your plans have changed and you can't make a session can you let us know. Illness is harder, as it often comes on overnight, but during the Easter playscheme we did have wasted places when children simply didn't turn up. This is frustrating when Claire has a waiting list. We are going to implement a text system where you will get a reminder a couple of days before. Ultimately for persistent offenders we may not allow membership to be renewed.

Finally a chat about HAF and EHC plans. We were really amazed how many children didn't have EHC plans. If this applies to you and you feel not having a plan affects your ability to access HAF or your child's education then you really need to speak to your school or perhaps contact The family information Service for advice. The HAF scheme will be running again during the summer break and LUP intend to be part of it. There will be special sessions this summer especially for the HAF scheme, equally there will be members only sessions.



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# The Parents Group

The parents group is open to one person from any family who is a member of Let Us Play. The funding for it and our ethos is very much about friendships with others who understand. You certainly don't have to be talented to attend the craft activities, and you must never be worried about attending by yourself. It's a big friendly bunch.

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**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Bowling & Bella Italia**

**Meeting at Bowling Bentley Bridge for 10:45**

**Lunch is booked for 12:00 noon so you will be away in plenty of time for the school run.**



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**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

meeting ready for a 12:00 noon start

Wolverhampton City Archives Tour

Molineux Hotel Bldg, Whitmore Hill, Wolverhampton  
WV1 1SF



A private tour of the archives looking at the work they do and how they do it. The building itself is quite lovely and well worth a peak. Simple sandwich lunch to follow in the meeting room. We are not sure about parking will find out more information and pass it on.

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**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 10:00am onwards**

**Storage Pods**

**A sewing activity taking place at the LUP Building.**

**Usual breakfast snacks**

**This will be the last Parents Group Activity before the summer break.**



## Baggeridge Country Park

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**10am – 3pm**

Gospel End St, Road, Dudley DY3 4HB



Some staffordshire places book  
with Staffordshire booking  
system.



5 – 19 years

Please meet us at the Lydiate Room.  
For those that have never been this is  
accessed from the top car park. Drive on  
the top level as far away from the café as  
you can. The building is brick built and  
will then be visible over the hedge.

This is a multi activity session with a  
selection of activities for all ages. The  
children will be divided into ability / age  
groups and the day will include treasure  
hunts, pond dipping, as well as some  
indoor activities. There is a 2 hour  
optional High Ropes activity. 1:00pm –  
3:00pm please tell Claire if you would like  
this bolt on. There are only 15 places so it  
may go to names in a hat.

A simple Sandwich lunch is provided  
Will take place whatever the weather so  
send them prepared.

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May there is a Staffordshire Aiming High outing to Alice In  
Wonderland at Stourbridge Town Hall. This isn't led by our staff, but is  
organized by us. Tickets are for families to attend by themselves. Please  
book through Staffordshire's booking system.  
Tickets quantities are limited of course.



**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022**

**10:00am – 3:00pm**

**Jubilee Activity Day**

**Taking place at Westcroft School**

Greenacres Ave, Westcroft,  
Wolverhampton WV10 8NZ

Plenty of places, but can Staffordshire  
families book with Staffordshire please  
Only 1 x 1:1 place available

5 – 19 years



The activity program is listed on the next  
page. You may book your sessions or just  
let us allocate for you.



TIME	SESSION 1	SESSION2
10:am	Swimming 	Crown making 
11:am	Sports Hall games 	Make a corgi Cushion 
12:00 noon	LUP Street Party Buffet ..food supplied 	
12:45	Children's Entertainer 	Split Pin Royal characters 
1:45	Ball Sports (outside hopefully) 	Make a Red White & Blue Summer dessert 
2:30	Jubilee Treasure Hunt 	

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10:00am – 1:00pm**

**Dudley Canal Trust**  
**Rocks & Fossils**  
**Meet in the canal trust**  
**building**  
**501 Birmingham New**  
**road**  
**Dudley**  
**DY1 4SB**



**8 – 19 years**

This is most suitable for the middle age group. It takes place as a 1 hour workshop followed by a trip on a canal boat where the geology of the site will be shown.

Followed by a light lunch.

Can you note that the lunch is the last activity so ensure that breakfast is given.

Also they maybe ready a little earlier it just depends if things run on time.



**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022**  
**Prompt 10:00am departure**  
**Departing from LUP building**  
**7 Shaw Park WV10 9LE**  
**TWYXCROSS ZOO**



**5 – 19 years**

Includes Gruffalo discovery land.  
Twycross is a primate specialist Zoo

This session does involve quite a lot of walking

Packed Lunch needed

**There will be a short break in activities after 25<sup>th</sup> June while we get ready for summer. So don't worry you won't have missed anything.**

Summer Planning.....

Every year we get several phone calls from families who are trying to organize their summers. We do understand. We are going to do our very best to make allocation date the 4<sup>th</sup> July this year. It may depend on when we hear back from funders though. Often the newsletter is on the website two or three days before you receive it, that might help.



**The Warmer Homes West Midlands funding.**

**If you meet the following criteria LUP can refer you for a £49 pre payment voucher.**

- ☐ Has a pre-payment meter
- ☐ Has been affected by energy price rises
- ☐ Is at risk of self-disconnection due to financial circumstances
- ☐ In receipt benefits which still leave you below the income threshold:



And finally just a bit of space for some photographs. We do ask for photo permission on our membership form. It is appreciated if you can. Photographs are a good way of proving that the session took place for our funders, supporters and monitoring.





