



Summer

For children with special needs and disabilities and their siblings

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Summer is rapidly approaching. As promised, we have got the newsletter out in plenty of time. Allocation date (bookings day) is Monday 4th July. This is the day Claire will allocate. Please request early bookings@lupwolverhampton.org.uk

Claire and I are pleased to announce that Let Us Play was awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in the jubilee honours list. We are all really delighted especially as it is a reflection on the whole organisation and the dedication of the team. There will be a reception in the autumn to which I hope many of you can be invited. More posh frocks needed.



Now a message about HAF. We are running a big HAF program this summer. By now you should have received your HAF codes. They will only be sent to those with EHC plans, but I am told some of the teething problems that happened at Easter have now been ironed out. We need copies of all your letters with the code on it. It seems easier than having to keep chasing 120 parents each week to bring their letter. Claire will accept clear photographs, or you can bring them with you to the office to be copied. You can only attend one HAF activity each day. So please don't go somewhere else in the morning and come to us in the afternoon. Now a bit of a warning if you book LUP activities by the bookings date then you will get first pick of the extensive list of activities offered. However, the activities will also be open to non members, it's a condition of the funding. So if you request late it's unlikely there will be much left as we got inundated at Easter and I expect the summer to be even worse. Don't worry if you live out of borough or don't have a code you can still access everything as long as you book early.



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The Parents Group

The 21 locks walk has been rescheduled for Wednesday 13th July. Meet at Faulkland street car park at 10am. The parents group will then be suspended for the summer.

There will be a lunch time meal out on Wednesday 14th September. Its Claires birthday. We will notify you of where and when closer to the time, just register your interest so we have a better idea about how many to book for.

We say this on every newsletter, but please be considerate about telling us if things change and you can't make a session. The more notice the better. Please remember that others can have your place if you don't want it. There are a small number of offenders who don't always let us know, it's really frustrating. This is especially important this summer as the HAF funding will pay for a number of activities and the places on them. So not only would we have unused places but we wouldn't get the funding for that child so it could seriously impact LUP funding going forwards.

Please make sure you read the information about food. This is shown on every session. Sessions that aren't HAF will often need a packed lunch etc.

When we are away from the office drinks can be a problem. Every summer we buy hundreds of bottles of water. We all know the environmental concerns about all this plastic but in addition they are simply really heavy to buy and haul around. We are asking that for sessions away from the office you supply refillable water bottles when appropriate, please ensure they are labelled with your child's name. It makes sense.



Finally weather..... It is unlikely we will cancel any sessions this summer because of bad weather unless it is extreme. Please just dress them appropriately. On some sessions we do have wet weather contingency plans.

Should you need to speak to us over the summer remember we are hardly ever at our desks. Please try and avoid weekends, but should you need us a reminder that Kims mobile is 07979751893

Anyway here goes this is this summer's offering.....enjoy

Multi Sports
Tuesday 26th July 2022
10am – 2pm
Taking place at Westcroft School

Greenacres Ave, Westcroft,
Wolverhampton WV10 8NZ



8 – 19 years

This is a physical session. Lots of running around.

Lunch is provided but please send them with refillable water bottles. We will bring some additional water with us but honestly constantly buying water in plastic bottles isn't something we wish to keep doing. It's heavy and bad for the environment. There is a water refill station at Westcroft. There is swimming on this session and we are assuming all children will swim. We are repeating swimming so we can have 2 smaller groups divided by ability.

A simple Sandwich lunch is provided

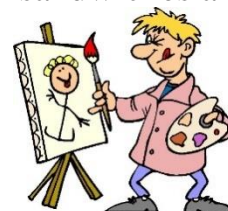
Tuesday 26th July

Art & Afternoon Tea
1pm – 3:30pm

LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village
WV10 9LE

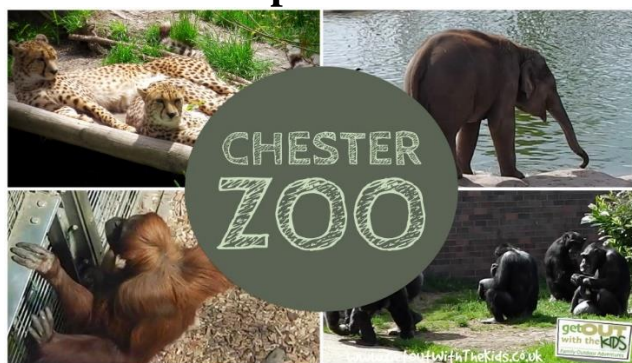
8 - 19 years

A small group session using pencil, paint and pastil. We will be serving afternoon tea with sandwiches and cakes.



Wednesday 27th July

9:30 departure
Returning around 5:20 traffic
dependent



5 – 19 years

No lunch needed. Our plan is that LUP will supply each member of the sessional team with a small amount of money to purchase a modest lunch.

Please don't send any spending money
But do send refillable water bottles.

Sorry no 1:1 places, but 1:1 can attend if they have their own carer.

Leaving and returning using the
LUP building

Thursday 28th July

Jelly Fish

LUP Building

7 Shaw Park Business Village

10:00am – 1:15pm

Or

12:30 – 3:45



5 – 19 years

This is a craft session all about jelly fish with a bit of natural history information along the way.

As we are feeding children this summer you will note that there is a McDonalds meal served around 12:30. If you don't want this that's fine, but please tell us and either collect at 12:30 or drop off at 1:15

If not eating.

We will need menu choice in advance
Please just send this to us, don't wait to be asked



On Saturday 30th July there is a Staffordshire whole family outing to Splash Landings, Alton Towers. Please book via the Staffordshire booking system.



Monday 1st August

10:00am – 3:00pm

Sensory Animal Park

Old Tree Nursery

Off Pendeford Hall Ln, Wobaston Rd, Wolverhampton
WV9 5ET



5 – 19 years

Sat Nav takes you to Pendeford nature reserve car park. Leave your car there and pop across the lane into Old Tree Nursery. This day involves lots of animal interaction. Petting, cleaning etc. There are some rustic play areas, a woodland, and a small peddle Go-Kart track.

If we have had any wet weather then Wellies are needed.

Please wear old clothes

Picnic lunch supplied

Tuesday 2nd August
Green Park Activity Day
10:00am – 3pm



Green Park School
 Green Park Ave, Bilston WV14 6EH
 Access via side door, staff will be waiting

5 – 19 years

A multi activity day, games in sports hall.
 Biscuit Making, Craft and the mobile
 planetarium which is space themed.

1:1 places available

Catered lunch supplied

Thursday 4th August

Cup Cakes

10:00am – 1:30pm

Or

1:00 – 4:30

LUP Building

7 Shaw Park Business Village
WV10 9LE



8 – 19 years

This is a Staffordshire session, but
 there might be additional places
 available just request as normal.

Session has a Chip Shop lunch which
 is served at 1:00.

Mini fish n chips or sausage n chips
 If you don't want it please tell Claire



Friday 5th August

Water Sports at
Edgbaston Reservoir

9am coach departure from LUP
 building
 Arriving back at 3:15pm

8 – 19 years

Swimmers preferred 50 meters,
 Of course life jackets are worn

Simple picnic lunch supplied



Saturday 6th August

Swimming in leisure pool

Wolverhampton swimming & Fitness
Centre

(Private Hire only LUP families
present)

6:00pm – 8:00pm



5 – 19 years

Non swimmers should be
accompanied in the water, you can
book a 1:1 place, but they are limited

1 hour swimming

Yummy Catered buffet served after
swimming

Please let us know accurate number

Monday 8th August

Golf Coaching and play
3 Hammers Golf Academy
10:45 – 1:30pm

Old Stafford Rd, Cross Green,
Coven, Wolverhampton WV10 7PP

8 – 19 years

Golf Games session led by
professional golf coach

Hot lunch provided in restaurant



Tuesday 9th August
Cinema & Bella Italia
Bentley Bridge
Meet outside Cinema

Times and film confirmed a few days
before. Expect times to be 10:00am
until 1:15pm

5 – 19 years

We have done this lots of times
before, no need to pre book food.



Friday 12th August

Blackwell Adventure

Via coach departing 9:30 from LUP Building.

Return is estimated to be about 5:30pm.

Please check Blackwells website for further information



8 – 19 years

This is a Staffordshire session but there will be additional places for HAF.

This is an outdoor activity day speak to Claire about levels of scariness.

There are easy activities Includes laser tag but also includes Jacobs ladder which is just a bit scary.

Packed Lunch needed for this Activity please



Monday 15th August

Wild Zoo

Half Penny Green Vineyard

9:45 – 1:00pm



Halfpenny Green DY7 5EP

5 – 14 years

Meet us in the car park at Half Penny Green.

There is a reptile show and a birds of prey show.

Followed by lunch (supplied).

Tuesday 16th August

Laches Wood Activity Centre

9:40 drop off

3:00pm finish

Laches Ln, Slade Heath, Coven, Wolverhampton WV10



8 – 19 years

At the time of going to print we havent actually firmed up the plans for this activity, but usually we do canoes, Rock Climbing, Jacobs ladder, Archery etc.

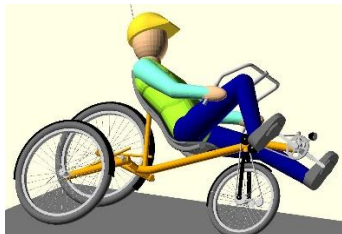
You can request a place on an ability appropriate session.

Lunch provided by the centre, please bring your drinks bottle.

Thursday 18th August
WV Active Aldersley
Active Day

10:00am – 2:00pm

Aldersley Rd, Wolverhampton WV6 9NW
Meet on athletics track



5 – 19 years

We have the track, green sports pitch and 1 sports hall. We will be putting our bikes out so it would be possible to bring your own bike. There will be games which are a bit like an old fashioned school sports day. A picnic lunch hopefully outside and team games.

If wet everything will just move inside.

Tuesday 23rd August

Ash End Children's Farm & Play barn

Departing via Coach from LUP building at
9:15 prompt

Return is expected to be around 3:30pm



5 – 12 years

A day at the farm starting with a session in the play barn. Conducted tour of the animals with an informative guide, a tractor ride and sit on a pony.

Lunch provided it's a simple sandwich, crisps, fruit.

Lots of 1:1 places



Wednesday 24th August

Sensory Morning

10:00 – 1:30pm

LUP Building, 7 Shaw Park Business Village



5 – 19 years

Bouncy castle, sand pit, water play, giant bubbles, sensory toys.

Lots of 1:1 places. Smallish group

This session is designed for those with high levels of need only.

Hot Buffet lunch served at 1:00pm

Wednesday 24th August

The Animal Man

1:00pm - 4:00pm

LUP Building, 7 Shaw Park Business Village



5 – 19 years

**Hot Lunch is served at 1:00pm, if
you don't require lunch session
start time is 1:30**

**Involves animal handling, assorted
animals and insects**

Thursday 25th August

Simple Sewing

**LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village**

10:00am – 1:15pm

Or

12:30 – 3:45



10 – 19 years

**Lunch is baked potatoes with fillings.
Served at 12:30**

**We are going to attempt to make Tote
Bags with decoration.**

This is a small Group Session



Thursday 25th August

**Zogg Theatre show at Town Hall
Birmingham**

**Using public transport travelling to
Bham via tram. Meet at Tram station
opposite police station 10:45.**

**Return times will be confirmed when
dropping off but are expected to be
around 3:30**

5 – 12 years

Theatre outing with Restaurant lunch



On **Friday 26th August** there is an outing to Stafford Theatre for Staffordshire families. This is unaccompanied, tickets sent out in advance. Book on Staffordshire system

The Tiger who came to Tea

Gatehouse Theatre, Eastgate Street Stafford ST16 2LT. There maybe tickets left over for non-Staffordshire families, just lodge an interest with Claire.

1:30 show time.



Tuesday 30th August

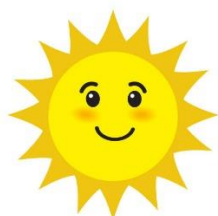
Summer Crafts

LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village

10:00am – 1:15pm

Or

12:30 – 3:45



5 – 19 years

Lunch is Pizza Buffet and is served at 12:30

Please say if you don't require food.
Craft session



Tuesday 30th August

Cinema & Bella Italia

Bentley Bridge retail park

Times and film confirmed a few days before.

Expect times to be 10:00am until 1:15pm

5 – 19 years

**No need to pre book food
Film is of course age appropriate
Drop off at Cinema.
Collect from Bella Italia**



Wednesday 31st August

**Clay Pidgeon and Air Rifle
shooting**

With hot lunch

Bognop Road Essington, Wolverhampton WV11 2A

10:45 – 1:30pm



10 – 19 years

This is very safe. Last time we ran it I know some families didn't book because they were concerned about live ammunition. The children never get to hold a live gun without an expert adult standing right with them controlling what they do.



Thursday 1st September

Bouncy Castle Explosion

**WV Active Aldersley
Active Day**

10:00am – 2:00pm

Aldersley Rd, Wolverhampton WV6 9NW



5 – 19 years

Basically we are filling 2 halls at Aldersley with Bouncy Castles. You can attend with your children and stay for lunch or leave them with us. (just tell us which) 4 hours is a long time to be on bouncy castles, so we would suggest 3hrs max if you are leaving them.

At 12:30 there is a large catered buffet being served on the terrace with seating in the terrace stands.

This is a drop in styled session but we do need numbers for catering and to ensure we have enough staff to comply with our Ofsted registration.

So many people have asked us about the day Claire and Kim had at the Queens Garden Party.

It was a marvelous day, very warm and sunny.

If you are ever lucky enough to attend , wear flat shoes!!

Anyway, as promised some pictures.

