



Supporting children
with Down's Syndrome

Sparkles Term Dates

4/5 Jan - 22/23 March
(Half term week 15/16 Feb)

19/20 April - 19/20 July
(Half term week 31 May/1 June)

Sparkles Committee Meeting

Keep your eyes open for a Doodle survey coming to your inboxes with a list of dates for the next meeting to choose from.

It would be great to see as many Sparkles parents as possible. We will be discussing, amongst other items, this years fundraising events and looking for willing volunteers to help out!



This year's evening fund-raiser was a huge success.

Over 100 guests enjoyed a night of fantastic food, live music and dancing, auction and raffle. We raised an incredible total of just over £12,000!



A special thank you to two of our dedicated Sparkles mums, Emily and Nisha (left - before the start of the ball) for planning and running the event. Further huge thanks to all those parents who gave up their time to help prior to and during the evening. Lastly thank you for all the generous donations to our raffle and auction.

Weekly Sparkles Sessions

Please arrive at your session at least 5 minutes early so that your little Sparkler is ready and raring to go! If you are unable to bring your child to his/her session, please let Mel (or Laura in Mel's absence) know with as much notice as possible. If you or your child has had sickness or diarrhoea in the 48 hours prior to your session, please stay at home as you may still be contagious. Contact details are on the next page of this newsletter.

Unfortunately mobile reception is very poor at our Aylesbury location, so if you need to contact Mel or Laura on the day please leave a message with the Children's Centre on 01296 382730.

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Sparkles Lottery

The Sparkles Lottery has now been running for 9 months, raising £1586 in funds for us so far!

Congratulations to our winners so far and huge thanks to Craig Kaye, the lottery organiser. **50% of all proceeds come directly to Sparkles**, so if you haven't already joined, please see our website www.sparkles.org.uk or contact lottery@sparkles.org.uk for further details. If 100 tickets were sold, it would guarantee Sparkles a monthly income of £250.

Sparkles 2018 Calendar

There are still copies available for sale of the first ever Sparkles Calendar.



Please contact Emily Reay if you would like a copy!

Other Donations & Fundraising



Andy, Steve and Brenard (Teddy's Dad and Uncles) did a cross country bike ride, and raised over £4000, which was matched by Steve's company!

Dermot Martin raised over £700 running in the London Marathon in connection with the Bearbrook Running Club, who have Sparkles as their designated charity of the year to May 2018.

Hugh Somerset (relative of Oliver B) raised over £600 doing an epic run.