



September 2011
– July 2012

Berkshire Autistic Society offers monthly meetings for parents/carers who have a child or young person with a diagnosis of Autism, Asperger's Syndrome or an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Meetings take place during term time in both Maidenhead and Windsor so that parents can meet up with each other in their own local area.

The meetings are free, very informal and tea, coffee and cakes are provided! Any parent/carer or family member is very welcome. We can explain the benefits of BAS membership if you would like to ask about joining.

We sometimes invite a speaker to come along to talk about a relevant topic and to answer questions as well. Topics have included managing behaviour, anxiety, sleep difficulties, Disability Living Allowance, visual support strategies, social stories and more! There is also time to catch up with each other to share news and enjoy a chat. See website for details www.autismberkshire.org.uk.

We also have regular visits from members of the Learning Difficulty and Disability (LDD) Service ASD Team (SAMS) and other professionals such as Educational Psychologists, so that parents can ask them for professional advice and find out about their particular services.

We bring along our selection of books for parents to browse or borrow as well as news and information about what's going on in the area.

The meetings take place on:-

The **first Wednesday** morning of the month during term time at 10.00 – 12.00 at Xtend, Dedworth Schools Site, Smiths Lane, **Windsor** SL4 5PE. We also combine this with the EarlyBird Support Group.

And on

The **last Tuesday** morning of the month during term time at 10.00 – 12.00. at Ellington Extended Services Centre, West Dean, Ray Mill Rd West, **Maidenhead** SL6 7JB

BAS/EarlyBird Support Group Windsor 10.00 – 12.00 First Wednesday of Month	BAS Support Group Maidenhead 10.00 – 12.00 Last Tuesday of Month
Wed 7 th September Informal Coffee Morning and Drop-In	Tues 27 th September Informal Coffee Morning and Drop-In
Wed 5 th October Back to School / School Admissions	<i>Tues 25th October – no meeting half term holiday</i>
Wed 2 nd November Speech & Language Question & Answer Session with Helen Brookes, Principal Speech & Language Therapist, Mainstream Schools Inclusion Team	Tues 29 th November Parent Partnership Service. A talk and Q&A session with Judy Coulson about helping your child receive appropriate support at school.
Wed 7 th December Informal Coffee Morning and Drop-In	<i>Tues 27th December – no meeting Christmas holiday</i>
Wed 4 th January 2012 How the Educational Psychologist works as part of the team with your child. Angela Waterfall, Senior EP	Tues 31 st January 2012 BAS Autism Alert Card and other BAS services. Becky Peates, Team Leader, Berkshire Autistic Society
Wed 1 st February Behaviour Strategies. Angela Waterfall, Senior Educational Psychologist	Tues 28 th February Disability Living Allowance (DLA)– Q&A Ruth Barlow from BAS
Wed 7 th March Social Stories with Sheila Robertson from the ASD Team	Tues 27 th March Adult ASD Team – Sandra Briggs and Christina Faruki. A talk about transition and the support available at 18+.
<i>Wed 4th April– no meeting spring holiday</i>	Tues 24 th April Tips for supporting your child through transition from primary to secondary school. Sheila Robertson.
Wed 2 nd May Informal Coffee Morning and Drop-In	Tues 29 th May Social Stories with Sheila Robertson from the ASD Team
<i>Wed 6th June – no meeting half term holiday</i>	Tues 26 th June Informal Coffee Morning and Drop-In
Wed 4 th July Summer Lunch	<i>No meeting in July– summer holiday</i>
<i>No meeting in August – summer holiday</i>	<i>No meeting in August – summer holiday</i>

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Just pop in on any of the dates or give us a call if you have any questions.

