

M.K.A.S.P.S. Group

Milton Keynes Autistic Spectrum Parent Support Group



Hello Everyone,

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be our **AGM** on **Thursday 22nd November** at **The Walnuts School, Hazeley** from **7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.** Our guest speaker will be **Professor Anthony Bailey, Professor of Psychiatry** from **The University of Oxford – Autism Research Group**. This should be a very interesting evening so please come along and join us.

Christmas Activities

Its nearly Christmas again and we are arranging Christmas Activities. For the younger children (Up to 12) we will be having a **Christmas party at The River Valley Centre, Emerson Valley** on **Saturday 22nd December** from **3.00 – 4.30 p.m.** There will be nibbles to eat, music, and Santa will be there with a present for everyone. Please contact Monika on **01908 696344** to let her know how many children will be attending. She will need to know **by 15th December** in order to have an idea of catering numbers.



For the older children (over 12) we hope to arrange a visit to Aerial Extreme at Willen Lake. In order to do this we will need to know how many children would like to go as we can only book once we know numbers. The session would be at a weekend and we can take a group of 15. For further information visit www.aerialextreme.co.uk Please let Monika know if your child is interested in going, she will need their name and their height. This will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Donations for Wine Tombola

On **1st December** Fay and Monika will running a **Wine Tombola at Stony Stratford** for the 'Lights On' celebrations. If you have any spare bottles of wine that you would like to donate for this, please give Monika a call, she'll be delighted to hear from you.

Lottery & Buy at shop

If you haven't already done so, perhaps you would like to join our MKASPS Group Lottery. By taking part, you will be helping us to raise funds for the group. Please support us by filling in your entry form today. Each entry line costs £1 per week. There is a draw every weekday from Monday to Thursday, so you have a chance of winning a prize 4 times a week! There are three ways to pay. Complete the monthly standing order, make a card payment or pay by cheque or postal order. For more details visit <http://theweatherlottery.com> and search for MKASPS Group.

Don't forget to visit www.buy.at/mkasps when you are doing your Christmas shopping. There are many retailers supporting the scheme, and each purchase earns our group commission which helps to fund activities like the above.

Social Events Organiser

Due to work commitments Jenni is no longer able to arrange our Social Events. We are looking for someone who would be willing to do this for the group. Unless we have a volunteer to organise the social events, in future, the group will only hold our monthly meetings with guest speakers. If you are able to help us, please let Monika know so that you can be elected at the AGM. Thank you to Jenni for her help in the past.

Farewell

This is my last letter to you as I am stepping down as Treasurer and Secretary of the group. I have enjoyed doing this for the last 10 years but I now have to put my other commitments first. I hope to see you at future meetings and wish the group continued success.

Best wishes,

Julie.