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# **Fun Newsletter September 2015**



Our very talented F.UN dad Mark Edwards and the Newman family enjoying a fabulous afternoon performance at Circus Starr. Our thanks to all the Warrington businesses who donated 50 tickets to Families United.

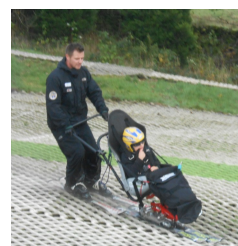
## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER  
ROSSENDALE SKI SLOPE**

**Sitski Session 11.00am—12.30pm**  
**Ski lesson on Nursery Slope 1.00 pm—1.50pm**

Please dress warmly with hat and gloves.  
There is a lovely café where you can have  
hot chocolate and great cheese on toast!

**BLACKPOOL BY COACH - SUNDAY**



**8TH NOVEMBER**

**The World's Largest Indoor Illuminations Experience !  
Followed by a Drive through Blackpool Illuminations  
Leaving from Winwick Quay 11.00am**

ILLUMINASIA is walk-through exhibition of stunning internally lit  
Chinese lantern sculptures, it is an experience like no other.

Combining ancient Chinese tradition with modern production; this awe-inspiring display offers something for everyone. With the play of light and colour, artists of every medium gain inspiration from this beautiful Far Eastern art form. Children delight in the adventure of exploring through a garden filled with towering exotic flowers and giant butterflies, almost as much as mums and dads enjoy basking in the serenity of time spent in the Jade Palace! Lifts accessible from outside the building and within to all floors and a ramp at the entrance of the attraction.

**Booking essential for all trips. Email: familiesutd@yahoo.com**  
**Please quote your membership number when booking.**  
**£5 parent/child, £10 per family.**

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## *Date for your Diary - F.UN Xmas Party*

*Sunday 13th December 2015*

*This year we are having a Christmas party with a difference!*

*Join us at Chester Zoo for the Lantern Magic Walk and more!!*

*We'll be strolling around the zoo after dark to enjoy all the night-time sounds, the beautiful lantern lit enchanted forest and gardens and magnificent larger than life animal lanterns.*

*Festive characters will lead Father Christmas and his sleigh through the zoo.*

*Watch this space for further details!*



## **Saturday F.U.N. Club**

Fearnhead

Community

Centre, Insall Rd, Fearnhead  
Drop in session from 10.30 am —1.30 pm

£2 per family per session. Healthy lunchtime snack for the children, tea and coffee for parents. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer who must be responsible for their child/children throughout the session.

### **Next Fun Clubs**

**10th October**

**24th October**

If you would like any further info on F.UN Club activities,  
please call the F.UN Office on 0743 267 6713

### **October's Relaxed Performance Films**

Pixels (12A) at selected Cineworld cinemas on Sunday 4 October at 11am.

Hotel Transylvania 2 at selected Showcase\* cinemas on Sunday 11 October at 10am.

Hotel Transylvania 2 at selected ODEON cinemas\*\* on Sunday 18 October at 11:30am.

Pan (PG) on Monday 19 October at 6pm.

Inside Out at selected Vue cinemas on Sunday 25 October at 10am.

As always, adjustments will be in place for all of the screenings. These include:  
lights being left on low, no adverts, lower sound levels, people being able to move around the cinema and able to take their own food.

## Dear Sibling to a Child With Special Needs, Let Me Tell You Why You're Amazing!

I heard you're the sibling to a child with special needs, and I wanted to write you a letter explaining why you have a one-up on life. I know your life might seem hard or different from your friends, but trust me, you most definitely will be more prepared for this life than anyone else. Let me explain...

I heard you deal with more than any child should. Your parents spend a lot of time away from you. You know they're taking care of your sibling, possibly bringing him or her to the doctor. You see the love your parents have for your special sibling, and it's being embedded into your heart. You see the patience they exhibit when caring for him or her, and it's being buried into your soul. You see that your parents never stop trying to get what your sibling needs, and it's being ingrained into your mind. You see your parents exhaust themselves so your sibling and you are well taken care of, and you're learning from this. You may not know it, but all of these little things are teaching you traits of how to be an amazing person.

I'm certain that being the sibling to a child with different needs is a struggle. I know you have those moments where your heart stings with jealousy, where you're worried sick over your sibling. You have a right to be upset every now and then, but I can bet that you can think of some pretty cool things you have in your household that your friends don't. How about all the cool equipment your sibling has? I know you've climbed into that wheelchair or played with his super cool adaptive toys. How about getting to see your sibling reach a milestone and that proud feeling? You experience a friendship like no other. Your sibling completely and utterly trusts and loves you with a love that can penetrate the coldest heart. They look at you with those beautiful eyes and know you're there for them no matter what. The bond you have is indescribable. You're their sibling, their friend and their protector. Your sibling might not speak verbally, but we both know your hearts together carry on conversations us adults could never possibly understand.

Did you know your parents watch you and your sibling's interactions on a daily basis and their heart literally wants to burst out of their body with pride and love? They see everything you do for your brother or sister. They notice when you walk by and give them a quick kiss, stroke their hair or give them a hello. Your mum and dad love to witness you sticking up for your special sibling or when you go out of your way to make sure he or she is included in everything. Your parents recognise every time you perch yourself on the counter to help prepare medicines or bring them a nappy or whatever else they need. It takes a wonderful little boy or girl to do what you do on a daily basis.

You will be an awesome human being and you're going to change lives for the better...

all because you were the sibling of a child with special needs.

## ***F.UN NEWS***

This month F.UN would like to say a huge thank you to:

The Zochonis Charitable Trust for their donation of £2000.

Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council for their donation of £500.

Cheshire Connect for providing links to the local business community.

Graham Crawley for designing the new F.UN promotional poster.

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### **A few F.UN Membership fees are still outstanding.**

If you've forgotten to pop a cheque in the post, please send it in as soon as possible to ensure your places on future trips are confirmed.

We cannot confirm your places without a membership number.

If you'd like to pay by online banking, please call the FUN office for banking details. Thank you.

If any of our members have ideas or suggestions for future trips or activities, we'd love to hear from you.

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