



Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme

Newsletter

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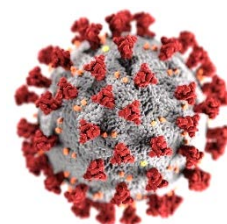
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What's been happening this year?

Well as everyone is fully aware of, we've been hit by the pandemic Coronavirus this year which put an abrupt stop to our activities from March to July, this included our Easter scheme, 3 residentials and 4 activity days.

In order to resume some sort of normality we worked very hard alongside Herd Farm, the venue we were allowed to use, making a Covid secure environment we put lots of measures in place so we were able to provide summer provision for our children and young people.



We ran 5 **Play Scheme Days** for the younger children at Green Meadows school and 10 days at Herd farm for children over 8 years; we had a maximum of 12 children per day in bubbles of six, all on a one to one basis in order to try to maintain social distancing and encourage extra care and hygiene.

We provided places for 53 children and young people and 21 staff including myself and Liam worked on site with the groups, we were very pleased that so many people were willing to attend and put their trust in us to keep them safe.

Since the summer scheme we have organised 6 **Activity Days**, also at Herd Farm, as it feels safe and familiar now, providing places for 31 children.

We had planned to run a couple of days in October half term and Christmas Activity Days at Green Meadows school however it is currently closed for lettings so we didn't have a venue.

As we won't be able to run our **Christmas Activity Days**, we didn't want the children to miss out entirely so keeping the ASAS tradition going with this newsletter you will receive a calendar with your child's photo, enjoying their time with us. Also enclosed is a Christmas Card for your child to colour; and we are hoping to provide a Zoom performance by Billy Biscuit our much loved entertainer and perhaps a virtual visit from Santa, we will be in touch about these very soon.



We would like to invite you to attend our virtual **Annual General Meeting** on Monday 11 January at 6pm via Microsoft Teams, if you'd like to attend please keep the date free; we'll email everyone nearer the time for you to confirm your attendance, prior to this we will email you our Annual Report to read and enjoy as it's full of lovely photos of the children having fun at ASAS.

Dates for your diary -

2021 - Even though we don't know what will be happening next year we have provisionally booked some dates at Herd Farm so hopefully we stand a chance of being able to provide some provision; so provisional dates are as follows: -

February Activity Days
Easter Play Scheme

Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 (over 8's at Herd Farm)
Tuesday 6 - Friday 9 (only for children 5-18 years, who live in the following postcodes LS5, 16, 18, 19, 20 & 21)

Easter Activity Days
Spring Bank Activity Days
Summer Play Scheme

Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 April (over 8's at Herd Farm)
Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 June (over 8's at Nell Bank, Ilkley)
To be confirmed.

Please help ASAS raise funds...

As we haven't been able to do our usual fundraising activities this year - raffles, tombolas, stalls, we need your help more than ever to help raise valuable funds to enhance the provision we offer; the funding we receive from Leeds City Council only covers our basic cost, in order to provide the services we do and we have to put in approximately £30k per year of our own funds, here's how you could help ASAS without costing yourself too much time, effort or money.

Do your own fundraising event - such as asking your family to donate in lieu of Christmas cards or birthday presents; we can help you promote your event and provide leaflets etc.

Raise free funds just by searching and shopping on the internet...

Use Easysearch instead of Google to raise money from internet searching

If you want to find top quality search results AND raise funds for us, visit our easysearch page at <http://aireboroughsas.easysearch.org.uk> every search raises half a penny for ASAS. Search just 15 times a day and you can raise around £25 a year.

These schemes raise money at no cost to you by giving a percentage of your spend to ASAS

Easyfundraising: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aireboroughsas/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=cpl

Please sign up and raise funds for ASAS by using the link above.
Our Easy fundraising supporters have raised £494.16 to date.



Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1167044-0>

- everything is the same price as on Amazon. ASAS supporters have raised £110.98 so far, keep it going with your Christmas shopping, you can select to use Amazon Smile in your app settings once you've signed up.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY SIGNED UP TO ANY OF THESE SCHEMES
Please ask your friends, family, neighbours or colleagues to sign up, more people = more money.

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Find useful information in the ASAS Directory: <https://www.aireborough-scheme.co.uk/directory>

ASAS would like to wish everyone a very Merry socially-distanced Christmas and a Happy Coronavirus-Free New Year!

