



Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme

Summer Newsletter

July 2019



Summer Scheme

Our summer scheme will be running from Thursday 25 July until Friday 9 August, from 10am to 3pm; which will take place at Green Meadows School, BACK LANE, Guiseley. We hope all our children and young people, leaders and volunteers all have a very enjoyable time. We will be offering provision to approximately 80 children this summer, places are as always limited so if your child isn't able to come on their allocated days then do let us know so we can offer their place so another child can benefit. Everyone will need a packed lunch; Parents if your child requires medication then please ensure it is in date, in its original packaging with the dispensary label intact. In anticipation of some good weather, please ensure you all wear suitable clothing and sun cream, hat etc.

Chill and Chat

Chris Parapia, ASAS Chairperson will be running a Chill and Chat session for parents to get to know each other and gain/share information, this will be on Friday 2 August from 10am, please let us know if you plan to attend. Coffee and biscuits served free of charge; if you have other children (6+) you are welcome to bring them with you and they can have a turn on the bouncy castle.

End of Scheme Party

As usual we will have our end of scheme party on Friday 9 August from 1pm, all scheme participants are welcome to attend however if they aren't booked in for that day then they can still attend but someone will need to stay with them. The theme is **Movie Characters**; we do understand not all children like to dress up so this is optional.

Your child will need their usual savoury lunch plus a bit of party food to share.

Update on activities this year

Easter Play Scheme 2019



Fun at Herd Farm Activity Centre, lots of Easter eggs and a Train ride to Ilkley

We are very grateful to the staff and pupils from Woodhouse Grove School who donated lots of Easter eggs for our Chocolate raffle which made a fantastic £170.



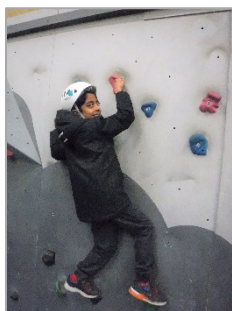
Trips to local parks



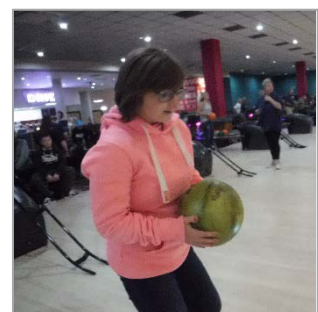
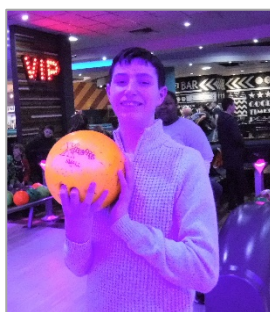
Board games, Billy Biscuit and Easter egg decorating

Activity Days

Lineham Farm Mon 8 April & Tuesday 28 May - Climbing, Biking and Animal Care



Community Activity Day Tues 9 April & Wed 29 May - Bowling, Pizzahut and Cinema



Residential Short Breaks to Lineham Farm 22-24 March & 26-28 April 2019

18 children & young people attended and took part in climbing, biking, animal care and arts & crafts. For some children and their families, it was the first ever time they had been away from each other overnight and everyone coped much better than expected.

Activities include animal care, climbing wall, adapted bikes, art and use of the sensory caravan.



Low Mill Residential 31 May -2 June 2019

Based at Low Mill outdoor centre, Askrigg, N. Yorks. 18 children & young people attended and took part in archery, canoeing, climbing and gorge walking. Lots of friendships were made, children gained confidence in themselves and parents were able to have a break from their caring duties.



2019/20 Future Dates

Residential Breaks for children Leeds city wide who don't already receive overnight short breaks/respite, if you're interested in your child being considered, please get in touch with Jo.

- Herd Farm, LS17, 27 - 29 Sept for children with additional needs 10 - 18 years.

- Lineham Farm, LS16, 20 - 22 March 2020 for children with additional needs 8 - 18 years.

Activity Days - Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 October 2019

Christmas Activity Day - Saturday 7th December 2019

Activity Days 2020 - Lineham Farm - Monday 17 Feb 2020 & Community Day - Tues 18 Feb 2020

Easter 2020 - Monday 6 - Thursday 9 April **Activity Days** - Tuesday 14 & Wednesday 15 April TBC

Summer 2020 - Tuesday 21 July - Friday 7 August TBC

ASAS Trustees and AGM

The committee have been working hard to make sure ASAS is as well managed as can be and several of the trustees have undertaken training in governance skills and understanding financial accounts. Trustees work hard throughout the year to make the scheme as safe and enjoyable as possible and to support the staff and volunteers.

Committee members: -

Chris Parapia - Chair

Sarah Lee - Vice Chair

Jenny Jeffels - Play Scheme Volunteer

Andy Mosby - Trustee

Emma Midgley - Treasurer - parent

Kathie Hunter - parent

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Monday 23rd September at 7pm at Guiseley Methodist Church Oxford Road Guiseley. All welcome. Please let us know if you are planning to attend.

Staffing

I just want to say that ASAS are so lucky to have such a fantastic team of leaders and volunteers, every year more and more people help out, some start at 14 years old and stay for many years, for some it's an opportunity to gain experience and valuable life skills, others leave for studies or careers and return many years later as they've missed being part of the ASAS family.

Liam Sanders, our scheme Nurse and Assistant Project Manager, has recently undertaken additional training and has qualified as a climbing instructor, instructor in many other outdoor pursuits and Pool Emergency Responder, in order to help deliver activity sessions for ASAS as well as cutting down on costs, we are very grateful to have him on our team and I'm sure that everyone who has come into contact with him will agree making things possible for every child is his main goal in life and always goes that extra mile to make it doable.

Joy Winnard currently works 8 hours per week for ASAS doing volunteer recruitment and vetting; carrying out DBS checks, following up on references and sending out forms and information to parents, as well as attending training, play schemes and representing ASAS at events. Unfortunately for us she has decided to retire so we are looking for someone to fill her shoes; the person should have good IT skills, communication and interpersonal skills and be self-motivated as they would mainly work from home and out and about as required, if you are interested or know someone who might be then please ask them to contact me for a job application pack jo.galasso@aireborough-scheme.co.uk

Future Funding

We currently receive grants from Leeds City Council to deliver our play schemes, activity days and residential short breaks, from April 2020 this is changing for the residentials to being a Contract for 3 years which we will have to bid for, we are just waiting for the specification and application to be finalized and published, we will then need to work on our bid so any feedback from parents of children who have attended our residentials would be appreciated so we can show the need for more and how ASAS have provided a quality and bespoke service to children with disabilities. The benefit of it being a contract is it will be guaranteed for a longer period of time so will give us more long-term stability. Funding for play schemes and activity days will remain as grant applications which we will have to apply for and they are hoping to make this for 2 years.

Coop Community Foundation

Until October 2019 we are one of the chosen charities being supported by Coop - Menston, Guiseley and Yeadon Funeral Care; all you need to do is buy a membership card for £1, register your card online, choose ASAS to support and 1% of the money you spend goes to ASAS.

Helping ASAS raising funds...

Otley Buttercross Market Stall

Parents joined staff and the committee in raising money for ASAS in Otley market place on Friday 5 July, the weather was warm and the market busy so we managed to raise a fabulous £280.

Thank you to everyone for bringing loads of donations and all who helped on the stall.

Summer Raffle - during play scheme

Please send in raffle prizes and/or money for tickets, £1 per strip, I'm sure there will be some lovely prizes.

Recycling inkjet cartridges and postage stamps

Please recycle used (original) printer inkjet cartridges. You will need a freepost label from us or by contacting info@trf-uk.com quoting the barcode number: 14070813215301. (They no longer accept toner cartridges). *We can also gain funds from used postage stamps, so please start saving them for us, let us know when you've got some and we'll come and collect them or send them into scheme.*

Raising funds for free from internet purchases

Our Easy fundraising supporters have raised £436.75. Please sign up and raise money for ASAS by using the following links

Easyfundraising:

<http://www.aireboroughsas.easyfundraising.org.uk>



Our Everyclick/Give-as-you-live supporters have raised £144.79

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/aireborough-scheme>

Smile Amazon <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

All these schemes raise money for ASAS at no cost to yourself, by giving a percentage of your spend on purchases from participating retailers e.g. Argos, Tesco, M&S plus lots of others. £5 raised so far.

Use Easysearch 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> search and half a penny is raised for Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme. Search just 15 times a day and you can raise around £25 a year.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP

Sponsored Activities

Please let us know if you can raise funds for ASAS by a sponsored activity or fundraising event. It's really easy to set up a fundraising page via our Localgiving page where supporters can donate by debit or credit card. <https://localgiving.org/charity/aireboroughsupportedactivities/>

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Facebook (Closed group)

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