

Afasic Local

*Unlocking Speech
and Language*

Activity Weeks 2019 - for children & young people with speech, language and communication needs

Introduction

We are now booking for this year's summer activity weeks.

North Surrey Afasic has run these weeks since 1985 for children and young people who have speech, language and communication needs. As usual, our programme provides fun and challenging activities geared to improve and enhance communication and confidence. This year we plan two groups: Juniors (up to 11) and Seniors (12+). Juniors is a combined Littles (5-7yrs) and Middles (8-11yrs) week with an option of an overnight stay for the older ones. Seniors is a week residential at Bowles Outdoor Activity Centre.

Our aims for the weeks are to provide fun-filled activities which enable the children and young people to try different things; feel comfortable within the group; and build a trusting relationship with their helpers. For this reason **we expect the children to attend the full five days**. For example, it is important for the Juniors group that the children staying overnight get to know their helpers in the first few days before they stay overnight.

We provide 1-to-1 helpers for the Juniors group. This ensures that each child may participate in all activities with confidence. We run a children's club during school term and many of our club helpers also volunteer for activity weeks, which we greatly appreciate. The other helpers are mainly a mix of speech therapy students and sixth form students. For children new to our group we want them to attend one or two club nights as part of our assessment process.

Our charges cover part of the actual cost of running the weeks and we pay the other part from fundraising, plus we keep costs down by extensive use of volunteer helpers. This year we have kept the charges the same as last year's activities.

North Surrey Afasic itself is run by a committee of volunteers, most with grown-up children or siblings who do or did attend activity weeks and Friday Clubs.

Enquiries

Our website has information and application forms to download at www.afasicnorthsurrey.org.uk

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Juniors Week 2019


Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August
older children (8-11 yrs) stay overnight at High Ashurst
on the Thursday night.

Juniors is a combined Littles (5-7yrs) and Middles (8-11yrs) activity week with an overnight stay for the older ones.











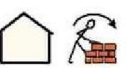
This group has 1-to-1 helpers to supervise and encourage the children. Based in a local hall in Leatherhead, the sessions run from 10am – 3.30pm each day, Thursday and Friday timings will vary as the older children are staying at High Ashurst on the Thursday night. Planned activities include kids@sport, cooking, swimming at a local infants school, craft and outings. Sarah Maton & George Drewitt lead the week. Sarah ran our Junior Friday Club for several years and has led the Littles activity week in recent years. George has previously led our Senior Friday Club and many past activity weeks. He is returning after a gap of a few years.

Juniors Week	
Charge per child	£150.00 for day only or £200 with overnight
Leaders	Sarah Maton & George Drewitt
Age guide (at 1/8/2018)	5 to 7 years 8 to 11 years (overnight)
Attendees	max 9 children overnight
Helpers and Leaders	1-1 helpers plus two leaders
Main Venue	The Bridge Youth Centre, Leatherhead KT22 7RB
Overnight Venue	High Ashurst Outdoor Education Centre, Headley Lane RH5 6DG

example days from a previous littles week

 Craft and games	 Kids@sport	 Play	 Nower Wood	 Home
 Kids@sport	 Swimming	 Lunch at the park	 Music	 Home

example days from a previous middles week

 Kids@sport	 Swimming	 Lunch at the park	 Theatre workshop	 Home			
 Say goodbye to parents	 Fire drill	 lunch	 Team challenge	 Raft building	 dinner	 Tuck shop	 Shelter building

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Seniors Week 2019

**Monday 19th August - Friday 23rd August
(fully residential)**

This group, for young people from age 12, is returning to Bowles Outdoor Centre, near Tunbridge Wells (www.bowles.rocks). Here the group takes part in varied outdoor activities. There is also the popular talent show evening to look forward to. Kate Barker lead this week last year and is doing so again. Kate led our Middles week previously and has been a group leader on Seniors week for several years. We plan to take four groups of up to eight young people. Each group has 3-4 helpers. Transport to/from Ashted will be by train or minibus.

Seniors Week	(Bowles)
Charge per person	£300
Leader	Kate Barker
Age guide (at 1/8/2019)	From 12 years
Attendees	up to 36 young people
Helpers and Leaders	12-17 helpers, leader
Main venue (residential)	Bowles Outdoor Centre, Tunbridge Wells TN3 9LW

example days from a previous Seniors week

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Group A	Harrisons Rocks (bus)	Pool canoe	choice: Bushcraft / Campfire or: Low ropes or: Leap of Faith
Group B	Ski 1 - main slope	Climb	
Group C	Zip Wire	Archery	
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Group A	Canoe II	Canoe II	choice: Bushcraft / Campfire or: Low ropes or: High ropes
Group B	Zip Wire	Harrisons Rocks (bus)	
Group C	Ski 1 - main slope	Pool Canoe	

Application

To apply for an activity week place, please complete an application form and return it with a deposit of £50. There is a different form for each group. They are available on our website.

There is an extra question on the Seniors form this year. We are considering a half-day trip on the **Spa Valley Railway** during the week and we are gathering information on how many would be interested in this.

Places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis, **subject to your child being suitable for our activity weeks**. For children new to our group we will ask them to attend one or two club nights as part of our assessment process. If demand exceeds the places available we will set up a waiting list. Once you have been allocated a place the deposit is not refundable. We will of course return the deposit of anybody who is not allocated a place. We normally send out confirmation (or otherwise) of places soon after you apply.

Payments

A detailed programme with instructions and a reminder for the balance due is sent 6 weeks before the activity week. You can pay in instalments, instead of a single final payment. Details of this come with the application forms.

Concessions

We have some concessions for low income families as we do not want a child to miss out on an activity week because of the cost, **so if full payment is a problem**, please contact Danine Cronk on 07901 903871 or by email to Danine.stovell@gmail.com