

Afasic Local

*Unlocking Speech  
and Language*

## Activity Weeks 2017 - 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 have three groups: Littles (5-7yrs), Middles (8-11yrs) and Seniors (12+).

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 middles group that the children and their helpers get to know each other in the first two days before they go away for two nights.

We provide 1-to-1 helpers for the two younger groups. 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 increased the charges a bit for all weeks as last year's activities cost more than we budgeted for.

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](http://www.afasicnorthsurrey.org.uk)

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### Little's Week 2017

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

This week, for children aged 5-7 years, has 1-to-1 helpers to supervise and encourage the children. Based in Ashted, the sessions run from 10am – 3.30pm each day. Planned activities include kids@sport, cooking, swimming at a local infants school, craft and outings - including one whole day out. We end the week with a children's party. Sarah Maton & Maria Elvin lead the week. They have run our Junior Friday Club for several years.

<b>Charge per child</b>	<b>£150.00</b>
Leaders	Sarah Maton & Maria Elvin
Age guide (at 1/8/2017)	5 to 7 years
Attendees	up to 12 children
Helpers and Leaders	1-1 helpers and two leaders

*example days from a previous little's week*

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




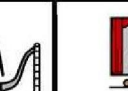


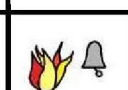




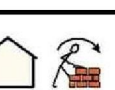

### Middle's Week 2017

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August  
(two nights residential)**

This group of children, aged 8-11 years, also has 1-to-1 helpers. Kate Barker leads it for the first time. She has helped on Afasic activity weeks for many years and been a team leader on Bowles week. The first two days will be in Ashted from 10am – 4pm. They are a getting-to-know-you time for all, enabling children to feel confident enough to go away from parents overnight for perhaps the first time. The group plans to go to High Ashurst Outdoor Education Centre from Wednesday to Friday, staying two nights. Among the activities on-site, there are climbing, archery, bush craft, abseiling and challenge courses. The specific activities for our group are not yet confirmed. They will depart on Wednesday after lunch and return on Friday afternoon.

<b>Charge per child</b>	<b>£200.00</b>
Leaders	Kate Barker & Mitchell Breeding
Age guide (at 1/8/2017)	8 to 11 years
Attendees	up to 10 children
Helpers and Leaders	1-1 helpers, leader & assistant leader
Main venue Wed-Fri (residential)	High Ashurst, Headley Lane, Mickleham RH5 6DG

*example days from a previous middle's 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 2017

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**  
(fully residential)

This group, for young people from age 12, is returning to Bowles Outdoor Centre, near Tunbridge Wells ([www.bowles.ac](http://www.bowles.ac)). Here the group takes part in varied outdoor activities. There is also the popular talent show evening to look forward to. Holly Nash has led this week for several years. She works with the youth support service in Surrey and runs our Senior Friday Club. We plan to take four groups of up to eight young people. Each group has 3-4 helpers. Unlike the last two years, travel is planned to be by road due to extensive works at Waterloo station.

Charge per person	<b>£300</b>
Leader	Holly Nash
Age guide (at 1/8/2017)	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*

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Evening</b>
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	
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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 or you can ask us to post you one.

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 Holly Nash on 07752 401692 or by email to [hollyashby84@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hollyashby84@hotmail.co.uk)