

Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme

Report November 2013 – March 2015



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Chair's Report



This year (period) has been a busy and fruitful one for A.S.A.S for a number of reasons.

The numbers attending both our holiday play schemes have continued to grow and we now have in excess of 90 children and young people attending with excellent feedback being received from the children and young people themselves, their parents and carers and our dedicated team of staff and volunteers.

The same can also be said for our residential short breaks which continue to be very popular and offer stimulating, supportive and opportunity for social and leisure activities in several purpose built Outdoor Pursuits centres. This year 72 children and young people with disabilities attended again with excellent feedback from all.

The hardworking Trustees made the decision to change our name from Aireborough Summer Activities Scheme to Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme as we feel this more accurately describes what we do "supporting" children and young people with additional needs to reach their potential and have fun in a well-supported environment.

We also decided to move our year end from 31st October to the end of March instead, again this more sensibly reflects our position as an organisation providing support all year round and is more useful for funders and the accounts they require.

We would like to welcome Ben Thompson, treasurer and Sarah Lee to our scheme as Trustees and thank Brian Watkins for all his hard work as our previous treasurer, a role he fulfilled for many years in a very conscientious and thorough manner. We will miss him and everyone thanks him for his tremendous input.

We also welcomed Joy as Part time Assistant Project manager to support Jo in areas such as administration and volunteer vetting and barring which is proving a more onerous task as the years go by and regulations change and increase.

Thanks are also due to Carmel Gallagher, trustee and Omega Training for the excellent volunteer and Team Leader training programmes provided free of charge to us and offering everyone on the scheme the chance to develop their knowledge and skills.



Chris presenting Carmel with flowers as a thank you for the training

As a scheme we continue to develop and grow and we welcome comments from all those connected with us. We also welcome new volunteers and staff and anyone who feels they could serve on our committee. Parents are particularly welcome.

Finally I would like to thank Jo Galasso who continues to amaze me at what she packs in to the part time hours we pay her and has guided the scheme into the professional and caring organisation that we are today.
Thank you.

Chris Parapia, Chairperson, ASAS

ASAS Management Committee – Chris Parapia – Chair/volunteer, Brian Watkins – treasurer resigned Nov 14, Ben Thompson – treasurer appointed Nov 14, Meryl Wilford, Andy Mosby, Carmel Gallagher, Simon Brately, Jenny Jeffels - volunteer, Sue Wilton – scheme nurse.

Other people involved:-

Jo Galasso – Project Coordinator, Wendy Bowes – Assistant Coordinator up to October 13, Joy Winnard – Assistant Coordinator from Oct 13; Leaders, Volunteers and children who attend; Bradford MDC Sports and Arts teams, Bradford Play Network – go kart and den building, Bradford Community Environment Project – sensory session; the Rapide Bros – Circus Skills, Billy Biscuit – entertainer, Morley Exotic Animal Rescue, Dance for Life, Nick Toczec – Performance and Poetry, Lauren Whyte – arts and crafts, Junior Jam - drumming, Soundhouse Disco & karaoke **and** the parents/carers/siblings/and extended family.

Equal Opportunities

ASAS is committed to providing equal opportunities to everyone involved.

The play schemes are open to children/young people, 4 - 19 years, in the Aireborough area or Leeds (LS5, 16, 18, 19, 29 & 20), whose needs aren't met by mainstream provision because of their disability, learning or social/behavioural difficulties, and our residential Short Breaks are for children 8-18 years and Sibling days for children 8-14 years who live Leeds city wide.

All the children/young people attending have learning and/or physical disabilities, we also have several leaders and volunteers with disabilities and several children from dual heritage/ethnic minority groups. We had 12 new children of which 8 have an Autistic Spectrum Condition, 1 has complex disabilities and 3 have learning disabilities. We had 13 new volunteers of which 3 have learning disabilities/are on the autistic spectrum themselves; we now have 6 volunteers with disabilities.

Role of the Trustees/Organisational structure

The scheme is a Registered Charity, the voluntary management committee is made up of 9 local people with an interest in improving the quality of life for children with disabilities and their families by providing leisure activities for children with learning and physical disabilities, activities for siblings and much needed breaks from caring for parents.

The committee meet about 6 times a year, concluding with an Annual General Meeting. In November 2013 the committee decided to change our financial year and bring it into alignment with the nationally recognised financial year being April – March, this meant that this reporting period and our accounts are from November 2013 to March 2015 – 17 months, this will greatly help our reporting to funders.

Our finances were managed by our treasurer, Brian Watkins until his resignation due to ill health in November 2013 – the committee thanked Brian for all his time and effort since February 2007. Ben Thompson – husband to committee member Carmel Gallagher was appointed to fill this vacancy immediately, he then attended training to gain the skills and understanding in using our accounting package Quickbooks.

Chris Parapia, Chair, is very active in finding funding to do more for families of children with disabilities, (i.e. the residential breaks) she is a regularly volunteer at the scheme. She also line manages Jo Galasso, Project Coordinator providing regular support and supervision.

Jo Galasso, project coordinator, works one and a half days a week all year round; throughout the three weeks of the summer scheme, the Christmas and Easter activity days and organises, manages and works on all the residential breaks.

Joy works 5 hours per week providing support recruiting and vetting volunteers, liaising with leaders, volunteers, parents and other agencies as well as representing ASAS at various events and promoting the services available through ASAS.

Residential Short Breaks

Through our Short Breaks contract with LCC we carried out residential breaks for children and young people with additional needs to Lineham Farm, Leeds in February, April and October 2014 when the children enjoyed animal care, climbing & biking and art and environmental activities and to Low Mill, Askrigg, North Yorkshire in May 2014 when they did climbing, canoeing, zip wire and gorge walking. Residentials provide valuable opportunities for the children to develop independence, communication and personal skills as well as having lots of fun and providing a break for the rest of their family. We have been recommissioned for the next financial year 2015-16 to provide 5 residential breaks and we aim to provide places for up to 81 children and young people.



Lineham Farm February 2014



Lineham Farm April 2014



Low Mill May 2014



Lineham Farm October 2014

Play Schemes and Ongoing Plans

Nov – Dec 2013

We held our Christmas Activity Day on Saturday 7th December, 38 children with disabilities plus 6 siblings attended the day at Green Meadows School. Billy Biscuit entertained in the morning with an array of silly games, magic tricks, balloon modelling, dancing and sing-alongs, always a firm favourite.



Lauren Whyte ran art and crafts throughout the day and produced photo calendars of the children as a gift for them to take home to parents, we had a disco and karaoke in the afternoon, with many participants in the karaoke and possibly some future X factor entries. At 2.30pm the sound of jingle bells could be heard as Santa entered the building, bearing gifts for everybody.

The day was supported by 42 volunteers all in festive dress; I've never seen so many Christmas jumpers in one room; 3 were volunteers from the Aireborough Rotary club (one of which was Santa Clause) and 11 others who were new to the scheme and came with a view to volunteering more at Easter and Summer as the Christmas Activity day gives them a good insight to what the scheme is like without a major commitment.



Jan – March 2014

The committee met to discuss proposals for the Easter & Summer activities arrangements; also they have also decided to appoint a new payroll company, SICA Support Ltd, that will save the charity valuable funds but who offer a comparable service to that of Bradford Community Payroll who we were previously using.

Joy and Jo attended the EPIC SEN Market place event on 11 March at Elland Road, this was for parents and carers of children with disabilities to attend and where organisations held stalls promoting their services and equipment; it was also a good opportunity for service providers to network as well as meet lots of parents and advertise our services.

They also attended training sessions at The Core in Otley around Social Media & Networking, and Fundraising

Jo attended a careers fair at Woodhouse Grove School and there was a lot of interest, she handed out about 30 paper application form and received 20 email addresses to contact others who were interested in applying.

We completed our end of year monitoring and evaluations; started applying for funds for 2014-15 schemes and residentials; getting paperwork updated and reviewing policy documents; contacting our staff & volunteers to check their availability for the Easter and summer schemes and contacting local schools in order to recruit more new volunteers.

We have had a few problems recruiting leaders and drivers for our Easter scheme due to the local authorities having different holidays, so some people are unavailable, however all parents on our database have been contacted and we are still able to provide all children with some days provision at Easter, plus we have also had several new enquiries and referrals from parents, paediatrician and social workers – the team leaders are starting to do home-visits for new attendees.

April – June 2014

Easter Scheme

We preparation and delivery of our Easter play scheme which took place from Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April, 58 children and young people attended and were supported by 40 Leaders, volunteers, drivers and escorts.

ASAS Easter Program

<u>DAY</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
MON	U8s	Bouncy Castle	Baking
	9-12s	Caving at Yeadon Tarn Centre	Walk to Park (Guiseley)
	13+	Swimming at Aireborough + picnic/park / Tropical World	
	PMLD	BCEP Sensory session	Walk to park
TUE	U8s	Swimming on Site/ Art with Margaret	
	9-12s	Swimming at Aireborough + picnic/park	
	13+	Kirkstall Abbey by Bus, picnic	
	PMLD	Cooking with Margaret / Swimming on Site	
WED	U8s	Trampolining	Funopolis (BUS)
	9-12s	Cinema in Kirkstall by bus	
	13+		
	PMLD	Sensory Leeds	Trampolining
THU	U8s	Local Park/ Swim	Billy Biscuit Performer
	9-12s	Trampolining	
	13+	Outdoor Pursuits at Herd Farm	
	PMLD	Trip to Ilkley by train / Swim on site	

The weather was pretty good and all planned activities were able to go ahead, mainly the usual well loved ones but the introduction of caving was new, this was at The Tarn Activity centre, in a container also the outdoor pursuits at Herd Farm was new and thoroughly enjoyed by the 13+ group.

Lauren’s Under Eights Group – Team Leader for the under eights was Lauren Dempsey, her full time position is a Higher level teaching assistant working with children with autism. The group enjoyed a range of activities such as bouncy castle, swimming, trampolining, trips to the park, Sensory Leeds and Funopolis – a new play centre in Shipley.



Nicole's 9-12's Group – Nicole is the SENCO and Geography teacher in a secondary school in Bradford.

The group enjoyed trips out to the local park, Yeadon Tarn where they enjoyed the caving; trip to the cinema in Leeds, swimming at Aireborough leisure centre followed by a picnic in the park, as well as in centre activities – art and crafts, trampolining and Billy Biscuit entertainer.



Louise's 13+ Group – Louise is a Learning Mentor in a main stream school.

The 13+ group went on a trip to Herd Farm and did climbing and obstacle course, unfortunately the batteries ran out on the camera so didn't get any photos, they also enjoyed the cinema, swimming and a trip to Kirkstall Abbey.



During the scheme it was brought to our attention that the Pre-school Manager was planning on taking over running the school nursery as a private business and that we wouldn't be able to use our usual base for the under 8's group, we initially worried that this might affect our Ofsted registration but on investigation moving to another room on the same site wouldn't affect it, however it does have implications for the groups as in order to have a suitable room for the under 8's the 9-12's group would also have to move so some additional preparation would be necessary e.g. new risk assessments, outdoor play equipment as the new playground doesn't have any.



After the success of our extensive training course last year we looked at running it again and tweaking it slightly after reviewing how it was structured and it has become a 6 week course, overall about 35 volunteers signed up to attend all or some of the sessions which covered – team building exercises, the accredited training called Level 1 - Introductory awareness of equality and inclusion in health, social care and children’s and young people’s settings; as well as other sessions on play work, Induction to ASAS; Introduction to Working Together to Safeguard Children and Young People, Level 1; Disability & Autism awareness and nursing needs; Communication and Behaviour management. Omega training again provided the course free of charge as one of the committee, Carmel Gallagher is the Director of the company and her son attends the scheme.



Adapting play sessions to incorporate children with additional needs

After the first couple of sessions it was really helping the volunteers to develop new relationships and become team players, several have additional needs themselves so needed a bit of extra support with the formal exam which was done electronically as well as a written personal statement and assignment to complete and I am happy to say that everyone passed.

We also ran some additional training sessions for the leaders on the Administration of medication, Intimate Care and First Aid. Some of the new leaders also under took a six week course – Take 5 for Play, in introduction to Play work, all passing with flying colours.



Paediatric First Aid Training Course – artificial respiration, we also learnt how to use a defibrillator



Applying wound dressings was fun.

July – September 2014

Summer Scheme

Our summer play scheme took place, and was held from Monday 21st July until Friday 8th August 76 children and young people attended and were supported by 76 Leaders, volunteers, drivers and escorts, this was more than usual as we had a big recruitment drive through local schools which was very successful. We also had to recruit some new staff as several have now finished university and are working full time. Most of the applicants had previously been volunteers and 3 were promoted to junior leaders after going through the interview process, we recruited also recruited 2 new leaders – one works at Green Meadows school, where we are based, and the other at Leeds Weekend Care scheme, where several of our children attend, so appropriate experience with children we work with.

We had an extensive program of activities to suit all ages and abilities.

Week One			
Monday 21 st July	Under 8s	Jungle Kids	Sensory Session - BCEP
	9-12s		Art Bugs
	13+	Nick Tozecz	Woodwork with Play Network
	PMLD	Tropical World	Sensory Session - BCEP
Tuesday 22 nd July	Under 8s	Swimming on Site/ Play in centre	Walk to local park
	9-12s		Harewood House
	13+		Kirkstall Abbey, Picnic & Abbey House Museum
	PMLD	Local Walk	Swimming on Site
Wednesday 23 rd July	Under 8s	St Leonard's Farm	Margaret Wightman Cook/art
	9-12s		Eureka
	13+	Trampolining	Swimming at Aireborough
	PMLD	Margaret Wightman Cook/art	Trampolining
Thursday 24 th July	Under 8s	Farsley Park	Swimming on Site
	9-12s		Neill Bank
	13+		
	PMLD	Swimming on Site	Sensory Leeds
Friday 25 th July	Under 8s	Baking	Emsley's play barn
	9-12s		Swimming at Richard Dunns
	13+	Big Swing Adventure playground	Multi Activity Team coming
	PMLD	Music Session	Aromatherapy with Patsy

Red = Booked activities Orange = still waiting for confirmation Blue = free with Max card

The weather was pretty good and most of the planned activities were able to go ahead, having the Max cards meant we went to a few new places like Bradford Industrial Museum and Thwaite's Mill as well as being able to go more often to Harewood House and Eureka as the cost wasn't an issue.

Usual activities like swimming, bowling and cinema were thoroughly enjoyable, however the trip to Richard Dunn's sport centre and Eccleshill Adventure Playground had to be rearrange due to major road works throughout Shipley.

We had a couple of activity days for the 9-12's and 13+ group to Lineham Farm where they were able to do the indoor climbing wall and outdoor low ropes course, biking and animal care, some of the children have been there with us on residential breaks previously so were familiar with it and enjoyed re-visiting – this however was quite expensive at £300/day.

Under Eights Group – Team Leader for the under eights was Emma Harrison in week one and Lauren Dempsey in weeks 2 & 3, Lauren works in school and hers didn't finish until the end of week one, Emma was previously the team leader before she became a full-time child minder so stepped in to help us out – taking her annual leave to cover her absence.

The group enjoyed a range of activities such as bouncy castle, swimming, trampolining, trips to the park, Sensory Leeds, Harewood House, Eureka, Ponderosa and several local play centres.



Swimming in the hydrotherapy pool



Visits to local parks and play centres, soft play in centre



Harewood house playground and at the EST Donkey Sanctuary



Activities in centre like rebound therapy



Relaxing, playing in the sand pit and at the park

Nicole's 9-12's Group –

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Art



Morley Exotic Animal Rescue visited



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In centre activities – climbing frame, bouncy castle, trampolining



Circus Skills



Visit to Harewood House



Visit to Lineham Farm – climbing & biking



Louise’s 13+ Group – Louise is a Learning Mentor in a main stream school. The 13+ group also went on a trip to Lineham Farm, they went out on public transport to the cinema in Leeds, on the train to Ilkley and on the bus to Otley as well as lots of in centre activities – trampolining, drama – X Factor style; circus skills and enjoyed Morley Exotic animals.



In centre activities – go kart build & ride, bowling, aromatherapy massage



Circus skills, Morley Exotic Animals



Nell Bank Centre, Ilkley

October – December 2014

During this quarter we ran a Siblings day on Wednesday 29th October 2014



17 siblings - 10 girls and 7 boys attended the activity day in the October holidays, we met at Hollywood bowl for a game of bowling and a chance for the children to get acquainted with each other as most had never met. We then went to Pizzahut for the lunchtime buffet and ice-cream factory, this get the children more opportunities to bond and be the centre of attention for a while



We then had a bit of time to kill until the film time so they were able to play under a great Willow tree, chasing each other round and having lots of fun.

We then moved on to Vue cinema to watch Alexander and the terrible, horrible, No Good, Really bad day, which was very funny and enjoyable, after which the parents came to collect the children.

A fun day was had by all and the parents were able to spend quality time with their disabled child, and the siblings returned home happy and relaxed.



Lunch at Pizzahut and fun under the Willow tree

Christmas activity day 2014

We also ran our annual Christmas activity day on Saturday 6th December at Green Meadows School, 44 children attended – 39 with additional needs plus 5 non-disabled siblings.

On arrival everyone had their picture taken to be produced into a calendar to give to their parents on their return as a gift and memento of the day that will last throughout the year.





In the morning we had a very enjoyable performance by children's entertainer Billy Biscuit in the morning with silly jokes, magic tricks, balloon modelling, lots of audience participation and then some party dances before lunch – the hokey-cokey, locomotion, head & shoulders. We've had this entertainer many times and he keeps the kids thoroughly amused throughout his performance.

Throughout the day the children could take part in arts and crafts and lots of glittery items were created, cards, decorations, hats – good fun and lots of glitter everywhere!

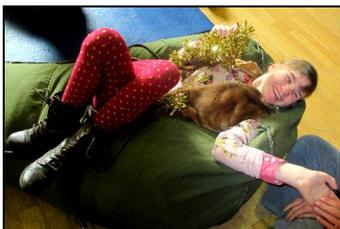


In the afternoon we had a disco and karaoke, many of the children were so brave and got up and sang, and some of them were really good – watch out X-Factor! Some of the children formed a small choir and sang songs from Frozen and other favourites; those who didn't want to participate in the disco could go outside and play, go into other rooms to chill out and play with toys or do more crafts.



Thank you Jo and gang for another great day Jon said he loved the disco

Just before home time there was a visit from Santa with an individual gift for each child, hand-picked to suit their interests and needs – some received CDs, DVDs, sensory toys, soft toys, smellies and Onesies. Most people were really happy with their gift but a few didn't get exactly what they wanted. Santa had tried really hard to find the perfect gift but 'she' doesn't always manage it! And the mammoth job of wrapping all those presents is done by Santa's little helper – Jenny Jeffels – one of our committee members and volunteer.



Overall it was another lovely day, as usually we had a fundraising raffle, lots of wonderful prizes were donated and won, raising a fantastic £140.

January – March 2015

During this quarter we ran another siblings day on Wednesday 18 February

Again 17 siblings - 10 girls and 7 boys attended the activity day in the February holidays, again the children had a game of bowling, went to Pizza hut for lunch then to Vue cinema to watch Big Hero 6.



We supplied the children with a small goody bag which as it was nearly Red Rose day included a red nose, see them all wearing them in the picture below. The parents came to collect the children after the film, a fun day was had by all and the parents were able to spend quality time with their disabled child, and the siblings returned home happy and relaxed.



Finances and Fundraising

Most of our funding since November 2013 has come from various streams within Leeds city council:- Area Well Being grant, Short Breaks funding administered by NWSILC, Special Needs Play Scheme funding and Parental Fee support administered by SCOPE in Leeds

These larger contracts/grants meant we were in a good financial position to carry out all our planned activities for this period.

In addition to this funding we would like to thank the following for their generous donations towards our activities - Rene Horton Charitable Trust £8,000; Omega Training free training for volunteers and Team Leaders, The Cherry family; Yeadon Charities Association £500; L Burrows Consultancy Company £500; Betty's Ilkley – Good Cause Award £1000, Asda Community, Green token scheme £25 and Waitrose in the Community £210.

We had the usual raffle at the Easter and Summer schemes, fundraising curry night and raffle as well as raising over £1000 + gift aid via the localgiving.com 'Grow Your Tenner' matched funding campaign. Buttercross Stall on Otley market, Raffle at the Easter and Summer schemes and the continued promotion of recycling ink cartridges, mobile phones and used stamps for the scheme and our online fundraising activities:-

www.easyfundraising.org.uk and Everyclick/Give-as-you-live: www.everyclick.com

and we've signed up to the Sainsbury's Everyday Shopping Card scheme – register, receive your card, load funds onto the card – ASAS get 4% of the load, spend the funds when you shop in Sainsbury's – Simple! <https://www.raisewithsainsburys.com/?cid=797688>



Facebook Page and Website

We now have 181 members on our closed Facebook page, which is very active, people can share useful information, request and offer support as well as share information about what the charity is doing and ways people can get involved. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/366669456750447/>

Joy has been working on updating our website and making it more informative and user friendly; volunteers can also download applications from there now too. We have had several enquiries from parents via the site now so people are obviously being able to find it through google. <http://aireborough-scheme.btck.co.uk/>

Comments from Parents, children, leaders and volunteers.

From one of our young people who was initially an attendee at one of our residential as she has additional needs herself, she enjoyed helping the less able children there so much that she asked if she could become a volunteer.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me become more confidence and for helping me try new activities such as caving. I would have never done these activities otherwise thank you for getting me to where I am today.

Scarlett had a great time and was absolutely thrilled with her surprise from Santa! (She's interested in the London Underground and she got an activity book and info book about how the station names came about).

Joshua was really calm, relaxed and happy when he came home. We even managed some drawing with the pens Santa gave him, normally this is almost unheard of. Saw him try to draw around his hand!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!You are all stars.

Thanks to Jo and Lauren and everyone else who made Ellie Mae and Caleb so welcome this morning. They had loads of fun and it was great to see they settled in so well on their first day ever at scheme, it's much appreciated.



Thank you all so much for the fab party today, Dale had a brilliant time, loves his present (Bop It) and especially loved Hannah! (The young volunteer who looked after him today)

Mitch (loves Queen – the group, not 'The Queen') has had a great day and is over joyed with his Mr Mercury T-shirt....another great day at ASAS a huge thank you to all.

Ben has had a lovely day. He shouted for Santa Claus in the car on the way home and asked for presents!!

He is now sitting on the sofa playing Minecraft, cuddling his new Minecraft sheep. Thanks to him being with you, we've had a busy, but enjoyable day with our daughter, managing to fit in a trip to the cinema to see Hunger Games (she's been waiting for this activity day so she could go!) then a hot dog and wander round the German Market in Leeds!



Thank you very much to everyone who was there on Saturday. I left my husband in charge and escaped to London to visit family, it was wonderful.

One child left his favourite book at the residential and we couldn't find it – response from his mum. We have bought B another as a spare, but was only a couple of pounds from eBay. It was worth it for the improved confidence we and school have seen in him since he's been away with you! So much confidence that he has just sat in the dentist chair for the first time by himself and let her check his teeth!!

Jamie would like to know if he is able to attend another residential with you as he enjoyed it so much.

S is really excited to see you again. I never got a chance to say thank you for last time, she has an amazing time and the time out for me and my other 2 children was brilliant.

Just a quick word to thank you and colleagues so much for T's stay at Lineham Farm this weekend. He had a wonderful time and we had a really valuable break.

WT is still talking about the Prize he won at the Easter scheme in the raffle. He was thrilled to win, and the amount of pleasure he got out of that is worth £8.

Jo I just wanted to say thank you for last weeks' Play Scheme. C had a fantastic time and the trips were brilliant. All the support staff were lovely - always friendly and very professional. Julia who was with C was great (very smiley!!).

H enjoyed this play scheme more than any other play scheme. It is very clear how it is wonderful. I really would like to thank all the staff and efforts.

I would like to say thank you for having me back as a volunteer during the Easter play scheme as I enjoyed it just as much as every other time.

A very big thank you again for all your hard work organising and running a great weekend for the children. W had a great time and all our nerves beforehand were proved to be unnecessary.

To all you lovely people at play scheme, staff, volunteers, your ears should well and truly have been burning this morning. I was talking to a health professional and saying I wished that whatever you do when our little man is with you, we wished we could bottle and sell it on, so we could have lots more play schemes. He is so calm and relaxed when he comes home no matter what he's been doing. Looking forward to Easter!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Yes, we were nerve racked parents but we needn't have been. T had a fantastic weekend so thank you to all the wonderful staff. You are amazing!!!!

Thanks so much to all of you for working so hard to make sure the children had a great time. A big thank you to you all but a special thank you to Ashleigh from W for looking after him so well. He had a super time. Came home showered, well fed and well slept.

J had a fantastic time!....thank you so much to all of you!I suspect she was one of the main culprits for there being no food left lol

I and A had a great Sibs day with you while their sister and I had a rare mum/daughter day, just the two of us - so nice!

Parent's comment about her son's school play scheme

I've asked about the school play scheme but as yet not heard back but between you and me it's expensive, not as good as yours and a bit too much like going back to school I think for T's liking so I'm thinking of giving it a miss if they ARE doing one.



Volunteers at the Training Awards Ceremony and Joy, Ben and Jo at the Buttercross Stall, Otley