

# SPELL

Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received about our E-Newsletters. Please remember if you would like anything included in future newsletters to drop as an email at [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com)

## Summer Break

SPELL will be closing for the summer break on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, reopening on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August. We will be checking our emails on an ad-hoc basis during this time so if you need any urgent assistance please email us at [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com) We will respond to all other messages on our return.

SPELL would like to wish all of our groups, parents, carers and children a Happy Summer Holiday.



## Baby & Toddler Group Account Checking

SPELL would recommend that Treasurer's get their accounts independently checked before handing over to new Committee's. It encourages good practice and prevents you having to deal with any queries once you have handed the books over.

SPELL can independently check Baby & Toddler Group accounts for a fee of £25. If you would like further information please speak to your Support Worker or call us on 01698 768933.

## Group News

We are unable to advertise all of our 130 groups individually however each month we will mention any new groups that have opened and any open-days being held.

## New Groups

### Little Monstars

Stonefield Nursery, Congregational Church, Craig Street, Blantyre.

Wednesday 9.45am - 11.45am

### Muddy Puddles (Outdoor Toddler Group)

Please note that Muddy Puddles meet at Ellisland, Calderwood, East Kilbride (not Elliswood as stated in our last newsletter - apologies if there was any confusion)

Thursdays 10am - 11.30am

SPELL often receive enquiries about groups so please make sure that you let us know if there are any changes to your group's contact information or opening times as soon as possible. Please call us on 01698 768933 or email us at [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com)

## Family Man Fun Day 2017

SPELL will be hosting a Little Hedgehogs Outdoor activity at this year's Family Man Fun Day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at Hamilton Park Racecourse. Please come along and join us for some Outdoor Fun! Check out the Family Man Fun Day Facebook Page by clicking [here](#).

## Things to do over the Summer Break

There are lots of things to do over the summer break with your children and some great websites with good ideas. Here are a few links that we like at SPELL

**The Woodland Trust - Nature Detectives**  
(This website has some great activity sheets for all ages!)

[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk)

**National Trust for Scotland**

[www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

**Day Out with the Kids**

[www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk](http://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk)

**South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture**

[www.slleisureandculture.co.uk](http://www.slleisureandculture.co.uk)

**What's on Lanarkshire**

[www.whatsonlanarkshire.co.uk](http://www.whatsonlanarkshire.co.uk)

Remember that not all activities have to cost money or take a lot of planning.

Why not try some of these with your little ones over the summer break.

- ✚ Make a tent with sheets and blankets
- ✚ Have a picnic under a shady tree
- ✚ Blow on a dandelion flower and make a wish
- ✚ Lie on your back and watch the clouds
- ✚ Stay up late and count the stars
- ✚ Chase your shadow
- ✚ Roll down a grassy hill
- ✚ Have story time outside on a rug
- ✚ Plant some seeds
- ✚ Water some plants with a watering can
- ✚ Invent your own obstacle course

If you would like SPELL to share any of your summer ideas or photos of your children in our next newsletter please email them to us at [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com)

## Toy Clean and Clear Out

Your toys and equipment should be routinely checked for defects to ensure they are in good working order and clean.

The summer break is an ideal opportunity to organise a toy clean where all equipment is cleaned and checked for defects. Broken toys should be fixed or disposed of.



## SPELL' Training Programme

SPELL's Training Programme will be announced at the end of August 2017. All our courses are FREE - all we ask for is a deposit which is returned on your attendance at the courses. Please keep an eye on our Facebook Page @ [SPELLSouthlanarkshire](https://www.facebook.com/SPELLSouthlanarkshire) and Website [www.spell-lanarkshire.com](http://www.spell-lanarkshire.com) for details and booking instructions. Our courses are always popular so make sure you don't miss out!

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