

SPELL

Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

Welcome to SPELL's First E-Newsletter

SPELL have decided to trial a monthly E-Newsletter to replace the paper newsletter we have produced in the past. Our newsletters are intended for all parents and carers that attend the groups as well as childcare workers and committees. Please feel free to share our newsletters with anyone who may find it of interest and let us know of anything you would like to see in future newsletters.

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Training Programme

SPELL have released our latest Training Programme which is available to view at <http://www.spell-lanarkshire.com>

Our free Training Programme is funded by South Lanarkshire Council. To book your place on any of our courses please contact Wendy on 01698 768944 or speak to your Support Worker.



Play Activity Programme

Please remember to contact Wendy to arrange your **Free** play activity. We are taking bookings up until the Summer Break. For a list of all our different play activities, please see our website.

Group News

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

New Groups

Glassford Parent & Toddler Group
 Glassford Village Hall
 Fridays 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Muddy Puddles (Outdoor Toddler Group)
 Elliswood, Calderwood, East Kilbride
 Thursdays 10am

Open Days

Crossford Playgroup - Friday 10th March 2017
 Crossford Village Hall, Lanark
 Open Day includes SPELL Play Activity

Our website has a list of all groups registered with SPELL however if you are looking for contact details of individual groups please contact us direct on 01698 768933 or spell.org@btopenworld.com

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.

Little Hedgehogs

Christine Smith one of our Support Workers is also a qualified Forest School Leader. At the end of last year Christine piloted Little Hedgehogs, an outdoor toddler group in East Kilbride. The feedback we received was better than we could have expected and SPELL are now seeking funding to run more of these groups in various locations across South Lanarkshire.



1140 Hours

Thank you for all of the completed questionnaires we received on the Early Learning and Childcare nursery provision doubling the free entitlement to 1140 hours by August 2020. All completed questionnaires were returned to South Lanarkshire Council and we will let you have feedback when we are in receipt of it.

Family Man Fun Day 2017

The 10th Family Man Fun Day takes place on SATURDAY 17th June this year. The event is once again at Hamilton Racecourse however please note that this year it is on the Saturday, the day before Father's Day. The day is free, fun and for all the family. They have a Facebook page and will be adding more information about the event soon.

[Facebook @familymanfunday](https://www.facebook.com/familymanfunday)

Food Safety

The Child Accident and Prevention Trust (CAPT), recently produced a leaflet on Finger Food Without the Fear after several reported accidents involving finger food and choking. They advised to avoid round foods and to cut grapes, cherries etc in half lengthways and ideally in quarters before serving them to children. Boiled sweets, ice cubes or cough sweets are too big and slippery so avoid giving young children these. A copy of their leaflet with more safety tips can be found on our [Facebook page @SPELLSouthlanarkshire](https://www.facebook.com/SPELLSouthlanarkshire)

Baby & Toddler Group Account Checking Service

For £25 SPELL offer an account checking service for Baby & Toddler Groups. It is good practice to have your accounts checked and it would be SPELL's advice to have this done when or before the books are signed over to a new committee. Please ask your Support Worker for details or contact the office. Please note we are only able to offer this service to Baby & Toddler Groups.

Social Media

Please remember that all groups should have a Photograph and Video Policy which all parents and carers should be made aware of. If you have a welcome pack for new parents the policy should be included in this. Please ensure that you have permission of parents / carers before any photos and videos are taken or used in the public domain.

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