

SPELL

March and April
2018

Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

Group News

Jack and Jill Pre-5 Group Open Day

Jack & Jill Pre-5 Group are hosting an open afternoon on Wednesday 18th April from 1pm until 2.30pm. Jack and Jill are in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council and offer funded places. If you are interested in your child attending a Pre-5 group please go along to this event to see what they can offer.

Sunshine Corner Toddlers - Extra Day

Sunshine Corner Toddlers who run on a Wednesday in Rutherglen have added an extra day and are now also running on a Friday morning from 9.45am until 11.30am.

Biggar Playgroup - Change of Day

Biggar Pre-School Playgroup have changed their Friday afternoon sessions to a Thursday morning running from 9.30am until 11.30am.

For an up-to-date list of all Baby & Toddler Groups please click [here](#).

For an up-to-date list of Playgroups and Nurseries please click [here](#).

If you are interested in attending any of the groups listed please get in touch with us for details.

Your Support Worker will have a copy of your most recent contact form. If any details change at your group please make sure you let your Support Worker know.

Fundraising

Chapelton Toddlers recently held a Tea and Home Baking Day and raised £460. They charged £2 a ticket and ran the event on a day that the Toddler Group runs so they didn't have to pay for additional hall hire. They held raffles on the day and prizes were donated by parents and local businesses. The event was a great success and residents in the village have already asked when they are organising the next one.

If your group has had a successful fundraising event and don't mind sharing your idea with other groups, please let us know and we can include it one of our future newsletters.

Play Activities

We have limited availability for Play Activities for Easter. Remember if you would like your FREE Play Activity for a specific date please make sure you book in time to avoid disappointment. A list of our full play activity programme can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

All of SPELL's activity sessions are designed to contribute to a child's learning and development.

First Aid Training

Chalmers Church in Larkhall hosted our recent Basic First Aid Training Course. We would like to thank them for the kind hospitality.

A Few Reminders for Outings

Risk Assessments

Please make sure if you are planning any outings you carry out a risk assessment on the venue and the type of activities you are doing. As always make sure that there are enough adults per child and that you have your first aid kits, registers, permission slips (if applicable) and emergency contact details for parents, carers and children with you. If you have any queries, please speak to your Support Worker or contact the SPELL office. Above all make sure you have fun.

First Aid Kits

First Aid kits should be checked regularly to ensure that they are fully stocked with correct and in-date contents. For a list of what your First Aid Kit should contain, please ask your Support Worker or call the office on 01698 768933.

Registers

It is important that all children are signed in and out of sessions even if you are on an outing. SPELL provide all new groups with a free register and additional copies can be purchased for £3. Please contact us at spell.org@btopenworld.com or speak to your Support Worker if you would like to purchase a register.

Photograph and Video Policy

Please make sure that all your groups have a photograph and video policy which is given to and signed by all members at the group. Parents / carers must not be publishing any material on social media sites and the internet that contain images of any other children other than their own as the group has no control over these images once they are in the public domain. This applies to groups when they are on

outings too. For a sample copy of a photograph and video policy please speak to your Support Worker or email the office at spell.org@btopenworld.com

EASTER BREAK

Our office will be closed from Friday 30th March until Monday 16th April 2018 for the Easter Break.

Our next newsletter will be published on 1st May. If you would like anything included in our next newsletter please let us have details by Friday 20th April

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