

SPELL

Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

The clocks have gone back and the nights are already drawing in. In this newsletter we thought it might be helpful to include a couple of pieces on how to keep your children safe during the winter. If there is anything you would like us to feature in future newsletters please email your suggestions to SPELL at:

spell.org@btopenworld.com

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service



FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service want everyone to enjoy this time of year but also want everyone to remain safe. Figures show that more often than not, it is children rather than adults who are injured by fireworks.

Children should know what to do if their clothing is set alight. Teach them to "STOP, DROP, COVER and ROLL". You should practice them stopping still, dropping to the ground, covering their face with their hands and rolling over and over to put the flames out.

Click below to view a couple of really helpful leaflets The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have produced.

[Halloween Leaflet](#)
[Fireworks Leaflet](#)



Play Activities

Many of our groups have booked play activities for Christmas already. Please make sure if you wish to have a play activity for a specific occasion to book well in advance to avoid disappointment. To book a play activity please speak to your Support Worker or contact Wendy on 01698 768944.

Training Calendar

Details on SPELL training courses for 2018 will be released after the Christmas break.

Please remember that Playgroups must have at least one member of staff who holds a current paediatric first aid certificate.

If you have any queries please call our office on 01698 768933.

Group News

KIWI Playgroup East Kilbride

Kiwi is hosting afternoon fun sessions on Wednesdays 22nd and 29th November from 1pm until 2.30pm. There is more information on the front of our website

www.spell-lanarkshire.com

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](#).

Winter Car Safety

Good Egg Safety produced this poster to remind parents and carers about the concerns of over dressing your children in the car. Click [here](#) for more information about this. The Egg Safety is endorsed by Police Scotland, Road Safety Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and their website is full of useful information about keeping your children safe.

Keep your little snow angels safe



Why is it a problem for your child to wear a thick or puffy coat in their car seat?

1 The harness does not fit close to your child's body if a coat or jacket is worn.

2 Thick clothing can make it easier for your child to slip their harness straps off.

3 When the car warms up, your child can easily overheat.



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Baby & Toddler Group Insurance

We recommend that you take out insurance to ensure you can replace your group's equipment and property in the event of accident, fire or theft. Accidents to people can also happen. Check that public liability cover is included in your insurance policy to protect against any of these types of claims and any legal fees incurred. Your group may be required to have insurance as part of your hall let agreement and your insurance certificate should be displayed at your group.

For information on companies that offer suitable cover for Baby & Toddler Groups please contact the office on 01698 768933 or speak to your Support Worker.

Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group

Thank you for all the interest shown in our Outdoor Toddler Group Little Hedgehogs. The response we received far exceeded our expectations and the group running in Overtoun Park in Rutherglen is now full. Details on our next sessions which will be held in Clydesdale will be announced in January 2018. 

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Christine Smith who was Support Worker for East Kilbride, Larkhall, Strathaven & Stonehouse is now working on behalf of SPELL running our Outdoor Toddler Group, Little Hedgehogs. Christine will also be running a future training session on Outdoor Play.

Tracy McCormick who was working in the office will now be taking up the post of Support Worker for East Kilbride, Larkhall, Strathaven & Stonehouse.

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