

SPELL

Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

Group News

Hope you have all had a relaxing summer and are looking forward to the term ahead. At SPELL we have a lot going on over the next few months: running our Outdoor Toddler Group Little Hedgehogs, releasing our new Training Programme and taking lots of bookings for our Play Activity Programme.

We are going to continue emailing out our newsletters once a month - if you have anything you would like to have included please let us know.

Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group

SPELL are delighted to announce that we have received Lottery Funding to run more of our popular Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group.

Activities include outdoor play, nature exploration, campfires, dens, mud kitchens, hammocks, outdoor crafts, tool use and much much more!

Over the next 12 months we plan to run sessions in East Kilbride, Cambuslang & Rutherglen and Clydesdale.

Little Hedgehogs will run once a week for a 6 week period.

For more information on Little Hedgehogs please see our website

www.spell-lanarkshire.com



Following the summer break a lot of the groups will now have new committees, change days, times and locations. 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

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

SPELL Training Programme

We have once again received funding from South Lanarkshire Council to run our training programme. Details of the training programme for this term can be found on our website www.spell-lanarkshire.com. Courses are FREE however we do ask for a £20 deposit to secure your place. This will be returned to you when you attend the course. This term we are running Basic First Aid, Paediatric First Aid and Food Hygiene training. We have also introduced a new course onto the programme, Grief and Bereavement in Early Years Settings. To book a place on any of the courses please call Wendy on 01698 768944 or email her at spell.org@btopenworld.com and she will send you a booking form.

Toddler Group Account Checking Service

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.

Please note that we are not able to offer this service to Playgroups.

Play Activity Programme

SPELL are once again able to offer all groups one free play activity per year (August - June). Additional play sessions can be booked from £30 each subject to availability. All of our play activities are designed to enhance a child's learning and development. There is information on all of the different play activities on our website. Sessions get booked up quickly so if you have a specific date please book as early as you can to avoid disappointment.

Please call Wendy on 01698 768944 or email her at spell.org@btopenworld.com

Nutrition & Oral Health

NHS Scotland are offering a free learning programme to complement the Nutrition and Oral Health pack. The programme runs online and fits around the needs of childcare providers and all professionals working with children. Completing the training earns a certificate accrediting 4 CPD hours. For more information contact Kirsten Lammie at kirsten.lammie@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk or call 01698 377621.

Space to Grow

The Scottish Government in partnership with the Care Inspectorate have produced a document that might be of interest to playgroups about planning new and or/refurbishing existing early learning and childcare services. The document can be found on the Care Inspectorate Hub Page or by clicking [here](#).

Newsletters and Facebook Page

Our monthly newsletters are emailed out to all groups and we would kindly ask that you share them with the parents and carers that attend your group. Our newsletter is also posted on our website www.spell-lanarkshire.com

We also have a Facebook Page that is updated regularly. Please like our page by clicking [here](#).



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