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# SPELL

August &  
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## Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

We hope everyone has had a relaxing summer and looking forward to the term ahead.

SPELL have a busy few months ahead. We have released our new training programme, we are taking bookings for Play Activities and we have a new block of our Outdoor Toddler Group Little Hedgehogs starting in September. Our next newsletter will be sent out on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. If you would like anything included in that newsletter, please email us at [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com) by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### Group News

The Autumn term usually sees a lot of changes at groups with children having left in June and new ones starting. There may also be changes to your committees so please make sure when your SPELL Support Worker visits your contact form is updated.

### The Lowther Hills Parent & Pre-5 Group

Leadhills Parent & Pre-5 Group have changed their name to The Lowther Hills Parent & Pre-5 Group. They run on a Monday and Friday at Leadhills Village Hall, Ramsay Road, Leadhills ML12 6YA from 10am until 12pm.

### Registers

It is important that all children are signed in and out of sessions. SPELL provides all new groups with a free register and additional copies can be purchased for £3. Please contact [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com) or speak to your support worker if you would like to purchase registers for your group.

### Play Activities

SPELL are pleased to be able to offer all our groups one FREE play activity a year (August to June) subject to availability. Play Tutors Barbara Muir, Kim Crawley and Lorna Henry offer a range of activities including Jungle Carnival, Farmyard Story & Songtime, Little Scientists, Tots in Space, Crunchy Radishes and Clay Workshop.

For bookings please contact Wendy on 01698 768944 or email [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com)

Sessions get booked up quickly so if you have a specific date in mind, please book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

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## SPELL's Training Programme

We have once again received funding from South Lanarkshire Council to run our training programme for the pre-5 voluntary sector. Courses are FREE to attend however we do ask for a £10 booking deposit to secure your place. This will be returned to you when you attend the course. This term we will be running the courses listed below.

To book a place on any of the courses, please call Wendy on 01698 768944 or email [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com) for a booking form.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Introduction to Autism	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	East Kilbride
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	East Kilbride
2 day Paediatric First Aid	Tuesdays 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Hamilton
Emergency First Aid for Parents & Carers	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Lanark
Emergency First Aid for Parents & Carers	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Hamilton

More information on SPELL's courses can be found on our website at

<https://www.spell-lanarkshire.com/training-programmes>

### Advertising your Group

SPELL able to advertise your groups by producing flyers and posters. If you would like us to do this, please speak to your Support Worker.

## Social Media

If your baby & toddler group, playgroup or nursery has a closed Facebook Page which is only open to families that attend the group, please remember to remove any families that no longer attend. For any new families that are joining it is important that you ask them to complete your photograph and video policy. If your group does not have one of these please speak to your SPELL Support Worker or contact [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com) and we can supply you with a sample policy.



### Little Hedgehogs

SPELL will be running more of our Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group this year. Our first block will be meeting at Greenhall Park, Blantyre on Wednesdays 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Spaces are filling up fast so if you are interested in booking or would like some more information please email [littlehedgehogs.spell@gmail.com](mailto:littlehedgehogs.spell@gmail.com)

### NSPCC - PANTS

THE NSPCC's PANTS campaign delivers a fun but serious message about preventing abuse and staying safe. A potentially awkward subject for parents and carers to broach with their children - the PANTS song can help them deliver the message. The song is aimed at children aged 4 and over. The NSPCC would like all parents to talk PANTS because they know that talking regularly with children about these important messages really can help them stay safe.

For more information and resources on the PANTS campaign including guides for parents and carers, please visit the NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>