

SPELL

February 2020

Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

January seems to have flown by in the SPELL office with lots of bookings for play activities, training and our outdoor toddler group Little Hedgehogs. The SPELL Support Workers have also been busy making lots of visits to groups. If you have not had a visit yet and would like one soon, please give us a call and we can arrange this. We will be closed for the February break from Friday 7th until Wednesday 12th. Some of the groups may also be closed for these dates so make sure that if you are a group you let parents and carers know.

Baby & Todder Groups

We have received several enquiries from new parents looking for baby and toddler groups over the last month. Please could all groups make sure that we have up-to-date information by either emailing us at spell.org@btopenworld.com or amending a contact form when your Support Worker comes to visit. The information we ask for is opening times, venue, contact details and committee members.

With the increased funded hours a child can receive at nursery, a lot of the baby and toddler groups are noticing an increase in parents and carers with babies attending. If numbers at your group are low you may wish to consider creating a baby area and also including the word 'baby' in your group name to encourage more parents with babies to come along to your sessions.

Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group

Our next block of 4 sessions will be run at Fernbrae Meadows, Rutherglen starting on Monday 17th February 2020. The morning sessions are now full however there is still availability at the afternoon group which runs from 12.45pm until 2.15pm.

4 sessions for £10 per family.



To book, please call 01698 768933 or email littlehedgehogs.spell@gmail.com

Fernbrae Meadows, Rutherglen Mondays	
12.45pm - 2.15pm	17 th February 2020 24 th February 2020 2 nd March 2020 9 th March 2020

Change to Admission Policy for Early Learning and Childcare

South Lanarkshire Council Early Learning and Childcare are advising all parents and carers that applications for all local authority and partner provider nurseries for the August 2020 intake must be submitted no later than 28th February 2020. This closing date is earlier than in previous years.

SPELL Directors

SPELL continually look to improve our level of service and are therefore always keen to welcome individuals with experience and knowledge of the pre-five or voluntary sector to join our Board of Directors. If you are interested or would like more information please contact us on 01698 786933 or at spell.org@btopenworld.com

Group News

New Group

Forth Baby & Toddlers

Willie Waddell Sports & Community Centre,

Main Street, Forth, ML11 8AA

Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am

All 0-5's welcome. Cost £1.50

Change of Day & Time

Chapelton Toddlers

Chapelton Community Hall

35 Main Street, Chapelton, ML10 6RZ

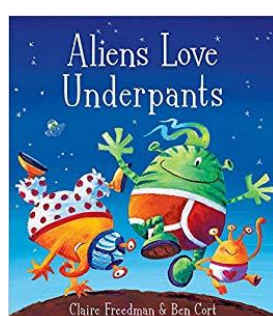
Contact Kerel on: 07969 824114

Now run on a Monday from 10am - 11.30am

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2020

World Book Day are on a mission to get the nation to Share a Million Stories. The campaign is to help change children's lives and make story sharing a habit of a lifetime. Sharing a story is being read to or reading for a minimum of 10 minutes.

You could celebrate World Book Day by asking children (and adults) to dress up as a character from their favourite book and then run some fun activities based upon those books. The World Book Day website has lots of ideas for activities and even snack time from The Gruffalo, Supertato, Peppa's Gym Class and lots more! For more information or to register in their 'Share a Story' campaign visit www.worldbookday.com. There are lots of ideas under the resources tab.



Training Programme

There are still spaces on the following courses:

Elementary Food Hygiene	Wednesday 11 th March 9.30am - 4.30pm	East Kilbride
Makaton (SPACES ARE LIMITED)	Tuesday 28 th April 9.30am - 11.30am	Hamilton
Emergency First Aid for Parents & Carers	Saturday 29 th February 10am - 1pm	East Kilbride
Emergency First Aid for Parents & Carers	Saturday 25 th April 10am - 1pm	Rutherglen

SPELL's training programme is free and open to all parents; and childcare staff and volunteers who work within the pre-5 voluntary sector in South Lanarkshire. To book a place on any of our courses or for more information please call Wendy on 01698 768944 or email spell.org@btopenworld.com

Group Insurance & Risk Assessments

All groups should carry out a risk assessment and if you are taking out or re-newing your insurance you may be asked about this. For a sample risk assessment please speak to your Support Worker or call us on 01698 768933.

Play Activity Programme

We have updated our Play Activity Programme which now includes the age suitability for each of the activities. There is also a new Magical Train adventure which takes the children on a journey of sensory experiences. Please visit our website at www.spell-lanarkshire.com or ask your Support Worker for more details. Groups can receive one FREE play activity per school year.