



# SPELL

## Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

We hope everyone had a good Christmas break and groups have now settled back.

SPELLS are anticipating a busy few months from now until the end of June. We have released details of our FREE training programme, continue to expand our play activities and we will also be running another block of our successful outdoor toddler group Little Hedgehogs.

Full details of all of these can be found on SPELL's website [www.spell-lanarkshire.com](http://www.spell-lanarkshire.com) and our Facebook page [@SPELLSouthlanarkshire](https://www.facebook.com/SPELLSouthlanarkshire)

### Play Activities

We have noticed that some of the play activity sessions at groups are becoming very busy and as a result are becoming unmanageable and not meeting the real objectives of the sessions. For this reason we are planning on capping the play activity sessions at 30 children from January. In addition, if you anticipate there being more than 20 children, a Support Worker will try and attend the activity to assist the Play Tutor. Please can you advise at the time of booking how many children you expect to attend.

SPELL provide every group with ONE FREE play activity per school year (August - June), For a full list of activities, please click [here](#).

### Advertising your Group

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

### Training Programme

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 please phone the SPELL office on 01698 768944 or email: [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com)

Full details with times and addresses of these courses can be found on our website at [www.spell-lanarkshire.com](http://www.spell-lanarkshire.com)

Elementary Food Hygiene	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Hamilton
Makaton Beginners Workshop	Tuesdays 12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> March (2 day course)	Hamilton
Child Protection	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	East Kilbride
Basic First Aid for Parents & Carers	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Hamilton
Paediatric First Aid	Tuesdays 14 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> May (2 day course)	East Kilbride

### Vacancies

Any vacancies at your groups and establishments can be advertised on our website. The advert will be under the 'Groups & Establishments' tab. If you have any vacancies please let us know and we will post it on our website and Facebook Page.

[www.spell-lanarkshire.com](http://www.spell-lanarkshire.com)

## SPELL Support Workers

We are delighted to welcome Michelle MacDonald to SPELL. Michelle will be the Support Worker for East Kilbride, Strathaven, Stonehouse and Larkhall. Michelle has extensive experience of running a successful baby and toddler group and is looking forward to visiting all of the groups in her area.

Email [michellemacdonald.spell@gmail.com](mailto:michellemacdonald.spell@gmail.com)

Katie Campbell is back from maternity leave and will once again be supporting groups in Hamilton, Blantyre, Cambuslang & Rutherglen. Welcome back Katie.

Email [katiec.spell@gmail.com](mailto:katiec.spell@gmail.com)

Lorna Henry remains as Support Worker for the Clydesdale area. We would like to thank Lorna for supporting all areas last term.

Email [lorna.spell@gmail.com](mailto:lorna.spell@gmail.com)

## Group News

Wrigglers in Lanark are hosting an open morning on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 9.45-11.15am. Greyfriars Church Hall, Greyfriars Parish Church, Bloomgate, Larark ML11 9ET. SPELL will be providing a play activity at this session.

SPELL's Support Workers will be visiting all groups over the next few weeks. If any details for your group have changed, please ensure you update your contact form so we have the correct information for you.

To receive SPELL's monthly newsletters, please email [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com) stating 'Mailing List' in the subject.

## SPELL EGM

SPELL are having an EGM to make a change to their articles of association. The proposed change is to move the charity towards a single tier structure.

The meeting will be held at SPELL's offices on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 1.30pm.

If you would like to attend, please contact Vicky on 01698 768933.

## Little Hedgehogs

SPELL will be running another block of our Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group in February and March this year. The sessions that we have already held in Braidwood and East Kilbride have been a huge success and early booking is advisable. If you would like further information or a booking form, please email [littlehedgehogs.spell@gmail.com](mailto:littlehedgehogs.spell@gmail.com)

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### Little Hedgehogs

Fernbrae Meadows, Rutherglen  
(formerly Blairbeth Golf Course)

Wednesdays

20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Morning and Afternoon Sessions Available

10am – 11.30am or 12.45pm – 1.15pm



4 sessions for £10 per family

For more information and booking please contact SPELL

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