

SPELL

March & April
2019



Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

With there being so many holidays in April we have decided to combine the March and April newsletters. Our next newsletter after this one will be in May. If you would like anything included in our next newsletter please let us know by Thursday 18th April.

SPELL will be closed from Monday 1st April until Friday 12th April, and for the Easter Weekend, 19th until 22nd April.



Training Programme

SPELL's training programme is FREE and open to all parents; and childcare staff and volunteers who work within toddler groups and playgroups in South Lanarkshire. For more information or to book a space please contact Wendy on 01698 768944. We still have spaces on the following courses.

Makaton Beginners Workshop
Tuesdays 12th and 19th March 2019
9.30am - 4pm, Hamilton

Child Protection
Wednesday 20th March 2019
12.45pm - 4pm, East Kilbride

Please visit SPELL's website for more information about our training programme.
www.spell-lanarkshire.com

Play Activities

Congratulations to the 10 groups who booked a free activity in our February special offer. We hope to have another special offer later on in the year so please keep checking our newsletter for details.



Wild about Sunflowers Play Activity **Giant Fun for All Ages**

Growing sunflowers is a great way for getting children inspired to enjoy the garden. The seeds, which make tasty snacks for songbirds, are large and easy to handle. Like Jack's beanstalk, the plants grow quickly skyward, and the flower heads look cheerful and lion-like. It's easy to get children involved in the excitement of watching how tall a family sunflower grows each day. The Wild About Sunflowers activity is available to book from March until August. The play tutor will provide all the necessary equipment for the activity and it is ideal for doing indoors and outdoors. To book this activity please contact Wendy on 01698 768944 or email spell.org@btopenworld.com

Mailing List

To receive SPELL's monthly newsletters direct to your email account, please email spell.org@btopenworld.com quoting 'Mailing List' in the subject.

Holiday Pay

Nurseries and Playgroups who employ staff should remember that they need to pay their staff holiday pay. If you need any advice regarding this please contact the office or your Support Worker who has an information sheet showing how this should be calculated.

Employers and Employees can contact ACAS (Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service) for free and impartial information and advice on all aspects of workplace relations and employment law.

www.acas.org.uk

Grants for Families

The Pregnancy and Baby Payment replaces the Sure Start Maternity Grant. It is a cash payment for the parents, or carers, of a baby. It is paid to help cover some of the costs of having children such as needing a pram or buying baby clothes. You can apply from 24 weeks pregnant up to the day your baby is 6 months old.

As well as the Pregnancy and Baby Payment, by summer 2019 you'll also be able to apply for the Early Learning Payment, the School Age Payment and the Best Start Food.

Conditions apply. For more details on all of these grants, please visit

www.mygov.scot/benefits/pregnancy-baby-payment

Group News

Jack and Jill Pre 5s Group, East Kilbride

Jack and Jill are looking for an enthusiastic, reliable and confident 16-19 year old interested in pursuing a career in childcare. This is an apprentice post and full training will be provided. For more information please contact Jack and Jill Pre 5s Group at jackandjillpre5s@hotmail.co.uk

St John's Toddler Group, Hamilton

is relaunching their Friday session. 10.30am - 11.30am at St John's Parish Church, Duke Street, Hamilton, ML3 7DT. For more details please contact spell.org@btopenworld.com

Little Hedgehogs

SPELL are delighted to announce our next block of our outdoor toddler group Little Hedgehogs will be held in Blantyre. Previous groups have proved very popular so please book your space as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Call Vicky on 01698 768933 or email littlehedgehogs.spell@gmail.com for more information.

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Little Hedgehogs

Greenhall Park, Blantyre

Wednesdays

24th April, 1st, 8th and 15th May 2019

Morning and Afternoon Sessions Available

10am – 11.30am or 12.45pm – 2.15pm



4 sessions for £10 per family

For more information and booking please contact SPELL

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