

# SPELL

March and April  
2020

Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

We have decided to combine our March and April newsletter as many of the groups are closing for the 2 week Spring Break in April. If you would like anything included in our next newsletter in May please let us know by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.

SPELL will be closed from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Happy Easter from all of us at SPELL.

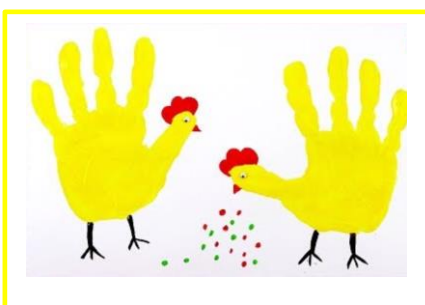


## Play Activities

Groups have been very busy booking their free play activity this year. If you would like to book a play activity please book soon to avoid disappointment. We still have plenty of availability for May and June. Details of our play activity programme can be found on our website at [www.spell-lanarkshire.com](http://www.spell-lanarkshire.com)

## Spring Craft

Spring is a perfect time for making little keepsakes using your wee ones' hand and footprints. There are lots of different ideas on the internet for making cards for Easter or any other occasion but these are a couple of our favourites.



## Family Man Fun Day 2020

The Family Man Fun Day takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The event is once again at Hamilton Racecourse however please note that it is on the Saturday, the day before Father's Day. The day is free, fun and for all the family. They have a Facebook Page and will be adding more information about the event soon. Facebook [@FamilyManFunDay](https://www.facebook.com/FamilyManFunDay)

## Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group

SPELL are delighted to announce our next Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group which will be in East Kilbride.

To book a space or for more information please call Vicky on 01698 768933 or email [littlehedgehogs.spell@gmail.com](mailto:littlehedgehogs.spell@gmail.com). Previous groups have proved very popular so please book your space as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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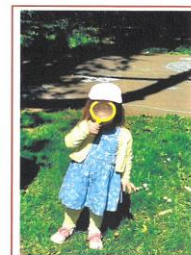
Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group

West Mains, East Kilbride

Wednesdays

22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am – 11.30am or 12.45pm – 2.15pm



4 sessions for £10 per family

For more information and booking please contact SPELL

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

Tel no: 01698 768933/768944

Facebook: [@SPELLSouthlanarkshire](https://www.facebook.com/SPELLSouthlanarkshire)

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## Group News

### Change of Name

The baby & toddler group that meet at Calderwood Community Hall in East Kilbride on a Tuesday from 10am - 11.30am have changed their name to **CALM Baby & Toddler Group.**

The baby & toddler group that meet at Flemington Hallside Church in Cambuslang on a Tuesday and Thursday from 10am - 11.30am have changed their name to **Flemington & Hallside Baby and Toddler Group.**

The baby & toddler group that meet at Symington Football Club in Symington on Thursdays from 10am - 12pm have changed their name to **Symington and Robertson Baby & Toddler Group.**

### Change of Time

**Smarteenies** that meet at South Parish Church in The Murray, East Kilbride have changed their time. They are now open Wednesdays from 9.15am - 11am.

### Events

**Braidwood Playgroup** are holding a Fun Day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 11am - 2pm. Please save the date. Details will be posted on their Facebook Page:

[@BraidwoodPlaygroupSouthLanarkshire](https://www.facebook.com/BraidwoodPlaygroupSouthLanarkshire)

## Waist Not Want Not

Waist Not Want Not are a Community Shop based at 33 Strathmore House, East Kilbride Shopping Centre. The shop offers a clothing exchange, affordable new clothing, toys, books and small household goods. They also have peer support groups and offer free sanitary provision. Waist Not Want Not are open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am until 2pm. For more information visit their Facebook Page [@Waist Not Want Not Community Organisation](https://www.facebook.com/WaistNotWantNotCommunityOrganisation)

## Autism Toolbox

The Autism Toolbox is a free online resource developed to support the inclusion of autistic learners in Scottish Early Learning and Childcare settings, Primary and Secondary schools. The Toolbox supports the Scottish Strategy for Autism which aims to build on improvements to autism services and increase access to these. The Autism Toolbox can be accessed at [www.autismtoolbox.co.uk](http://www.autismtoolbox.co.uk)

## Free Sanitary Provision

The free sanitary products provision is a Scottish Government funded project to help reduce period poverty. South Lanarkshire Council are providing free emergency products in as many public places as possible and in supporting the initiative SPELL have monthly provisions of packaged sanitary goods for low income and vulnerable households. To access these products please contact our office at [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com) to arrange a convenient time for these to be delivered or collected. Provisions should be available to access where this sign is displayed.



## Training Programme

There are still spaces on the following course: **Emergency First Aid for Parents & Carers Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com)