

SPELL

Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

This term is an extremely busy one for our Play Tutors. We have limited dates available so if you are wanting to book a play session, please make sure you contact Wendy in the office as soon as possible on 01698 768944. Full details on our Play Activity programme can be found on our website at

www.spell-lanarkshire.com/playactivities

Group News

Auldhouse Playgroup Pre-5s Open Day

Auldhouse Playgroup Pre-5s are hosting an open afternoon on Thursday 10th May from 1.30pm until 3pm. The group is a stay and play group for parents and carers for children 0-5 years. The event is at Auldhouse Primary School and there will be a puppet and storytelling activity provided by SPELL.

Change of Days

ABC Tiny Tots in Greenhills, East Kilbride are no longer running on a Monday.

Their sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am and Wednesdays 12.45pm - 2.45pm.

Sunshine Corner Toddlers

Sunshine Corner Toddlers in Rutherglen run on a Tuesday and Friday from 9.45am - 11.30am, not a Wednesday as was listed last month. Apologies for the confusion.

For an up-to-date list of all Baby & Toddler Groups please click [here](#).

For an up-to-date list of Playgroups and Nurseries please click [here](#).

Change in Data Protection Legislation

On 25th May 2018 the legislation on data protection is changing. This could affect how groups store, use and discard personal information including photos and videos. If you would like any guidance on how to make sure your group is working within the regulation please speak to your Support Worker or contact the SPELL office.

Bookbug Week

Bookbug week is 14th - 20th May and the Scottish Book Trust is hosting a week of FREE events for families and carers with young children and babies across Scotland. For more information on events happening in your area visit their website at <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug/bookbug-sessions/bookbug-week>



Carrier Bag Funding

Tesco and WHSmith are both offering grants to voluntary organisations from money they have received for the charging of carrier bags. For more information and to apply please click on the links below.

Tesco Bags of Help Grant

WHSmith Community Grants Application

Ace Any Place

South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture have reviewed their mobile play service and are replacing it with Ace Any Place which launches in August 2018. The programme offers more varied activities from Shake, Rattle and Read which is a fun story session featuring songs, rhymes and stories to hiring a bouncy castle. Charges vary for all the activities and bookings can be taken now. Your Support Worker will be distributing leaflets to all groups but for further information please contact Tanya O'Hara at South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture on 01698 476262.

Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group

SPELL would like to thank the Big Lottery for funding our outdoor toddler group Little Hedgehogs over the last few months. The group has been a great success with many families engaging in playing outdoors. The response and feedback we received exceeded our expectations and we are delighted to announce that we have been successful in securing additional funding from South Lanarkshire Council to run further sessions. Details of the new sessions will be announced soon.



Change of Committees

Many groups will be changing committees at the end of term. All paperwork and information should be passed over to the new committee in good time. If new signatories are required on bank accounts please make sure that the change of signatory mandate is completed before the old committee leave. If any committees need support, please email us at spell.org@btopenworld.com and one of our Support Workers can come out and visit.

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FROM AUGUST

Katie Campbell will be on maternity leave from August 2018.

Lorna Henry, in addition to Clydesdale, will be covering Hamilton, Bothwell and Uddingston.

Tracy McCormick, in addition to East Kilbride, Strathaven & Stonehouse and Larkhall, will be covering Blantyre, Cambuslang & Rutherglen.

We wish Katie and her family all the best with their new arrival.



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