

SPELL

Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

As a lot of our groups are busy at this time of year with parties, activities and outings, we try to limit our visits out to you. If however you would like one of our Support Workers to come in and see you please give us a call on 01698 768933 or email us at spell.org@btopenworld.com and we can arrange this.

Play Activities

Our music and drama Christmas activity with Barbara is now fully booked for December. There is still some availability for all other sessions however they are booking up fast too. If you would like to make a booking, please contact Wendy on 01698 768944 as soon as possible to avoid missing out. Our full list of play activities is available on our website at

www.spell-lanarkshire.com/playactivities

We are able to offer every group registered with SPELL one FREE activity from August 2018 until end of June 2019.

Training

We still have spaces on the Promoting Positive Behaviour course on Tuesday 6th November in Hamilton. To book a space please call Wendy on 01698 768933.

All other courses are now fully booked.

Our new training programme will be released in January 2019. Details will be on our website www.spell-lanarkshire.com

and Facebook page [@SPELLSouthLanarkshire](https://www.facebook.com/SPELLSouthLanarkshire)

All our courses are free and open to all parents and childcare staff and volunteers who work within toddler groups and playgroups in South Lanarkshire.

Group News

New Group

WAT IF? Parents and Toddlers

Tarbrax Village Hall, Crosswood Terrace,

Tarbrax, West Calder EH55 8XE

Tuesdays 9.30am - 11am

Open Day

Incy Wincy Spider Parent & Toddler Group

are having an open day on Friday 2nd

November from 9.30am - 11.30am at

Claremont Parish Church, High Common Road, East Kilbride G74 2AU. All welcome.

Open Day includes a SPELL Play Activity

Change of Name

Little Paws in Larkhall have changed their

name to Messy Paws. Messy Paws run on

Monday from 10am - 11.30am at Chalmers

Church, Robert Smillie Crescent, Larkhall.

Fundraisers

Jack and Jill in East Kilbride are hosting a

Christmas Shopping Fayre Fundraiser on

Wednesday 5th December from 6pm-8pm at

Claremont Parish Church.

If your group has any open days or fayres / fundraisers that you would like us to mention in our next newsletter, please email us at spell.org@btopenworld.com and we can arrange this for you.

Things to do During the Winter and at Christmas before you're 3 **playtalkread**

- ❄ Collect sticks and make a stick man.
- ❄ Feed the ducks.
- ❄ Have fun on a windy day waving a ribbon in the breeze.
- ❄ Dig out your wellies, jump in a puddle and make a splash.
- ❄ Spot a red robin.
- ❄ Draw and colour a saltire on St Andrew's Day - the 30th November.
- ❄ Kick up colourful fallen leaves.
- ❄ Eat a toasted marshmallow.
- ❄ Go for a winter walk to find pinecones - when you get home dip them in glue and glitter to make glitzy decorations for your tree.
- ❄ Make a snow globe - shake to watch it sparkle.
- ❄ Learn the names for all of Santa's reindeer.
- ❄ Use a cardboard box to make your own sleigh like Santa.

Play Talk Read have lots of 'ideas of things to do before you are 3' on their website. Visit www.playtalkread.org for more information.

Baby & Toddler Group Insurance

We recommend that you take out insurance to ensure you can replace your group's equipment and property in the event of accident, fire or theft. Accidents to people can also happen. Check that public liability cover is included in your insurance policy to protect against any of these types of claims and any legal fees incurred. Your group may be required to have insurance as part of your hall let agreement and your insurance certificate should be displayed at your group. For information on companies that offer suitable cover for Baby & Toddler Groups please contact the office on 01698 768933 or speak to your Support Worker.

Social Media

It is becoming more and more popular for groups to use social media for advertising. Please make sure that if you are using photos of any children that attend your group that you have their parents' / carers' written permission to do so. If you have a Facebook page that is open to the public or a website where you are using photos this is particularly important. Remember there are many reasons why parents / carers may not want their children's photos on social media which can include child protection issues, so this must be taken seriously.

Fundraising and Grants

South Lanarkshire Council and The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) have launched a new funding website which enables you to search a funding database, get weekly funding bulletins, create funding reports and share funding information. The site is quick, easy and free to use. To access their new funding website please click the link.

www.southlanarkshire.fundingscotland.com

This website is replacing the South Lanarkshire Open 4 Communities website which has been closed.

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