

Welcome to the May edition of our New Forest CU Newsletter

Graduation

Graduation day is fast approaching, so you will be asked by your school or by us, to submit your passport hours for verification to see if your credits will enable you to receive an award at the ceremony to be held at **The University of Winchester on Saturday 30th June**. Admission is by invitation only. So keep a look out for the request for information



Half Term

We have compiled a list of exciting things to do over the May Half Holiday which you can find at the end of this Newsletter, you can also visit all of the Learning Destinations listed on our website.

Learning Destinations

We have been asked whether The Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth has been validated and we are working on it, but as always if you visit somewhere that you think is an amazing place and would make a great CU Learning destination, send us a copy of the activity and tell us why you enjoyed it and what you learnt. We also welcome parents posting on FB too to let us know where they have enjoyed family days out so please keep in touch. Learning Destination nomination forms can be downloaded from our website and you can earn 1 credit for completing and returning to us.



Half Term Challenge

As our families know, we produce Spring, Summer and Winter Challenges to coincide with the longer school holidays. The National Children's University Trust produces half-term activities. These are open to all CUs across the country so if you are looking for things to do next week, we have uploaded it to our website to download. www.newforestcu.co.uk.

Festival of Learning

Our friends at Bournemouth Children's University have extended an invitation to members of The New Forest CU to join them in their 6th Annual Festival of Learning 16 – 20 June, with an exciting programme of FREE activities, events and unique opportunities.

The Festival of Learning Families Day will take place on the Saturday 16 JUNE and there will be lots of drop-in activities on campus to get involved with as well as some workshops which you will need to book. If you wish to sign up to these visit:



<https://microsites.bournemouth.ac.uk/festival-of-learning/date/jun16/>

Bookable workshops include:

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| · Ballet | Music to your ears |
| · Badminton | 3D Modelling & 3D Printing |
| · Beginner Gymnastics | It's only Water or is it? |
| · Escape Room: An Archaeological Mystery | Trampolining |
| · Gaming Group Genius | Yoga |
| · Kids Camps (Including Volleyball, football, basketball) | Xpress Spinning |
| · Kitchen Detectives | Zumba |
| · Mini Professors | |

Children can be awarded hours in their passport for attending events (*however not all staff present at events may have stamps so hours can be given retrospectively)

New Forest Show July 24.25 & 26th July 2018



We are really pleased to let you know that The New Forest CU will at the show this year and running a Learning activity in The Discovery Zone. All activities in the Discovery One have been validated and there is also a show trail to complete– so could can earn lots of credits if you visit. All children 0-15yrs can enter the Show this year for FREE with a paying adult or Senior Tickets So book now and don't forget to bring your Passport to Learning!

Children England



We are now members of Children England. 'Created, governed and inspired by other charities', Children England is an organisation dedicated to ensuring that England's children are given the opportunities, life chances and rights they deserve. They work with organisations across the Third Sector who share their vision and are a great resource for sharing ideas and research, garnering support and generally creating discussion where it's needed. Its a great mark of quality for us to have, further demonstrating our commitment to children and complementing our membership to the Fairer Education Alliance

Please Help us

We need your help! We want your Children's University experience to be an amazing one, so please tell us how we can make it the best ever. We are not collecting any personal details about you or your children. If you want to join our mailing list you can supply your email at the end otherwise this survey is quite anonymous.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B8LZFW>

Have a Great Half term!

Days Out in Half term



Testwood Wildlife Watch

Sat, 26th May 2018 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Testwood Lakes Education Centre,
Totton,
Hampshire,
SO40 3WX

Please note, under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. All sessions will be held outdoors, whatever the weather, so wrap up warm and don't forget your wellies! The last Saturday each month, 2-4pm.

Lepe Country Park

Half Term Trail 26th May to 3rd June

Pick up a trail card from the park office!

Pick up a trail card from the park office anytime on each day between 10am - 3pm Return with the correct answers to claim your prize.

Car parking charges apply

Cost£2 per child

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/lepe/whatson>

New Forest Wildlife Park

26 MAY 2018 – 3 JUN 2018

Love Your Zoo

Love Your Zoo Week 26th May to 3rd June 2018

Love Your Zoo week is held during the summer half-term holidays.

So there will be lots of nature things to do - a Nature Trail Quiz - daily craft tables etc., (from 11.00am to 3.00pm). Animal Encounters.

<http://www.newforestwildlifepark.co.uk/your-visit/events/love-your-zoo-week-at-new-forest-wildlife-park/>

New Forest Visitor Centre, Lyndhurst

Family Discovery Days

Tuesday 29 May and Thursday 31 May, 10am - 4pm

No need to book - just drop in. Free museum entry, activities by donation.

Come along to our family Discovery Days and learn about royalty in the New Forest whilst taking part in some fun craft activities.

<https://www.thenewforest.co.uk/whats-on/childrens-easter-craft-workshops-p807521>

SeaCity Museum

Wire Footballers Workshops (5-11yrs)

29th May 2018 at 10:30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 3.30pm

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Create a wire figure of your favourite footballer. What will your team colours be?

Ticket £6.50

<https://seacitymuseum.co.uk/events>

Mayflower Theatre, Southampton

War Horse Puppetry Workshop ages 10+

30th May 2018

This Workshop is designed to give children a hands-on understanding of how to create characters through puppetry and physicality; the workshops give a taste of the devising process through which the War Horse horses come to life.

This workshop will be run by members of the War Horse company.

Free

Call 02380 711811 to book

Running Time 2 hours

Hythe Library

30th May 2018

Mythical Legends craft session at Hythe Library

Children's craft drop-in

Free craft activity for children with a mythical theme this Half Term.

For children aged 4+

Parent/carers must remain with their children during the activity.

No need to book, just turn up

10am-12pm

Cost FREE

Holiday Adventure Day

Hartford Woods, Beaulieu

Thursday 31st May 9am to 5pm <https://www.newforestactivities.co.uk/>

Starting from £35 | Full day | 8+ years. An amazing day full of adventure and fun for ages 8-14 years. They'll enjoy and explore a range of our activities, learn new skills and make new friends, whilst you can relax knowing they'll be in safe hands for the day.

Moors Valley Park

<https://www.moors-valley.co.uk/planning-your-visit/highway-rat-trail/>

Highway Rat Trail

Follow panels and discover the forest as you head on a journey with The Highway Rat and all the characters from the story.

Available every day from 20 January until November. Visit www.forestry.gov.uk/highwayrat for more information and to join the mailing list to receive lots of extra fun activity sheets.

Hunt Fun

Children's University Treasure Hunts - Southampton

GAIN TWO HOURS ACCREDITED LEARNING... ..and spend some quality time together at the weekend or in the school holidays! Our Southampton treasure hunt is a great fun activity taking you past many local attractions and places of interest, The Civic Centre, The Guildhall, Southampton City Art Gallery, Bargate and The Gas Column, opening your eyes to so many other things you would ordinarily just walk straight past!

Our Southampton Treasure hunt starts at the Civic Centre , Civic Centre Road, Southampton, SO14 7FJ

Children's University Treasure Hunts – Romsey (2 Credits)

Spend some quality time together at the weekend or in the school holidays! Our Romsey treasure hunt is a great fun activity taking you past many local attractions and places of interest, Romsey Heritage Centre, Romsey Abbey, War Memorial Park, The Town Hall and Market Place, opening your eyes to so many other things you would ordinarily just walk straight past!

Our Romsey Treasure hunt starts at the Museum & Tourist Information Centre , Church Place, Romsey, SO51 8BT

Children's University Discover Your Forest

This activity can be done in any Forestry Commission woodland in England. If you complete the whole activity sheet, you will qualify for two hours of learning in your passport.

We suggest that you carry out the activity while following a trail of about 2 miles (3.5km; 1.5 hours) - here are some trails recommend by our Rangers.

- Download the Discover your forest activity sheet ([https://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/ChildrensUniActivitySheetv10.pdf/\\$FILE/ChildrensUniActivitySheetv10.pdf](https://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/ChildrensUniActivitySheetv10.pdf/$FILE/ChildrensUniActivitySheetv10.pdf))
- Choose a forest to visit, and take a pencil and a small bag. A clipboard may be useful if you have one.
- During the visit to the forest, discuss the questions and activities on the sheet.
- Write answers down as you go, or complete the sheet later on.

When you have finished, scan pages 1 and 5, or take a photo of them, and email them to learning.England@forestry.gsi.gov.uk with your name and age, and the name of the forest you visited, so that we can send you a stamp for your CU passport.

Activities to Download for a rainy Day:

- **Rooster Bank:**

Having some money know how, understanding the importance of saving and being smart with your cash is really important. Learn how with Rooster Money's Money Matters course.

<http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/2074934/money-matters-cu-roostermoney.pdf>

- **Bigfoot - Creative Arts Activity Pack**

This pack will help you learn more about the creative arts thanks to Bigfoot Arts Education! It has been designed to help you think about a variety of roles that are important in relation to the creation of an arts event, performance or film.

http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/13022/bigfoot_-_creative_arts_activity_pack.pdf

Up to 6 credits.

- **CERNLAND QUIZ SHEET**

Download our quiz sheet to be completed alongside CERN's interactive site, www.cernland.net

Take your completed sheet into school/scan and email to NFCU to earn 3 Children's University stamps. This quiz relates to 11 of the 13 games on the site and focuses on the science and research behind CERN's work.