



Welcome to the Spring edition of our New Forest CU Newsletter.

We have compiled a list of exciting things to do over the Easter School Holidays. Have a look through our list of days out and things to do for a rainy day.

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 and We also welcome parents posting on FB too to let us know where they have enjoyed family days out so please keep in touch.

Don't forget to Download our Spring Challenge too!



Days Out

We have looked to see what Easter activities look exciting – some are already on our Learning Destination Lists and some haven't made it there yet, so if you visit one of these

please let us know what you think of the experience, keep some evidence of your participation and we will credit your Passports to Learning.

New Forest Visitor Centre

[Full Details Here](#)

Come and have an 'egg-citing' time with our children's Easter crafts and make lots of fun things to take home.

SIX ACTIVITIES FOR £5 IF BOOKED IN ADVANCE BY 26 MAR OR £1.50 PER ACTIVITY ON THE DAY. Call 023 8028 3444 to book

Holiday Adventure Day

[Full Details Here](#)

Beaulieu, SO42 7YA

Holiday Adventure Days make the perfect school holiday activity for children aged 8-14 years

Based in the heart of the Beaulieu Estate at our woodland activity site, your children will get the opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends all under the supervision of our experienced activity instructors. Activities include Bushcraft skills such as foraging and shelter building before trying out Archery and Rope Slides. Dates: Thursday 5th April & Tuesday 10th April

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt at Mottisfont

Mottisfont Abbey | 30th March 2018 - 15th April 2018

Become a 'mini ranger' for the day and find out how our countryside team look after Mottisfont's beautiful estate. Study 'mini-beasts' under the microscope, investigate the life of bats in Mottisfont's medieval cellarium, spot river wildlife, and hunker down in a tent to discover sounds of the estate at night. There are loads more fun nature activities to get stuck into, plus Cadbury chocolate treats for all participants.

[Full Details Here](#)

Contact Email: mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk

Contact Telephone: 01794340757

• Easter Fun at Hurst Castle

Hurst Castle & Ferry, Keyhaven, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 0TP

A family Easter egg trail is taking place at Hurst Castle from Friday 30th March to Sunday 15th April, with letters hidden around this mighty artillery fortress built by Henry VIII. Arts and crafts will also be available so children can get creative and wear their arty masterpieces home with pride.

All Easter activities included in castle admission fee, ferry available om Keyhaven every 20 minutes from 10.15am.

Castle Admission Prices: £5 adult, £4.50 concession, £3 child and £15 family (2A&3C).[Full Details Here](#)

Complete the Forestry Spring Challenge: [Full Details Here](#)

• **Lepe Country Park**

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

Check out a range of family activities including:

- **Easter Trail from 30th March to 15th April**

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.

Cost£2 per child, no need to book

- **Bush Craft: Explore Lepe,investigating wild food, building a shelter,and much more!**

£5.50 per child, Booking essential

- **Nature Detectives: Explore the wildlife to be found at Lepe Country Park, whether it is the meadows, woodlands or beach.**

Undertake nature themed challenge and games.

£4 per child, Booking essential

Moors Valley Park

[Full Details Here](#)

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.

New Forest Wildlife Park

The New Forest Wildlife Park has many different opportunities to learn something new. During park tours you can meet many different native British species including otters, owls, polecats, ferrets, pine marten, wild boar, wolves, deer and bison. You can discover how animals are adapted for life in their particular environments; about animal behaviour, how they eat, where they live. You can

also learn about threatened and endangered species and become aware of issues surrounding environmental changes and pollution and the need for wildlife protection and conservation thus gaining an understanding and respect for the creatures of our countryside. Collect a Park Trail pack to complete on your way round and get you passport Stamped at the end.

[Full Details Here](#)

Libraries in The New Forest:

Lymington Library

Construction Club at Lymington Library

Children's brick building session

Do you love making things with building bricks? Come along to our Construction Club.

Drop in between 2.30pm and 4pm.

Parent/Carers to supervise their children.

Every Saturday

2.30pm-4pm

Lyndhurst Library

Bunny card craft Children's craft drop-in

Come along to our fun craft drop-in and make a bunny card to take home.

Suitable for children aged 4+

Parent/carers to remain with their child.

Saturday 31 March, Tuesday 3 April, Wednesday 4 April, Friday 6 April

Drop in during opening hours

Cost FREE

Hythe Library

Easter crafts

Children's craft drop-in

Free craft activity for children with an Easter theme .

For children aged 4+

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

No need to book, just turn up!

Hythe Library

Wednesday 11th April 10am-12pm

Cost FREE

Construction Club

Monthly on the first Saturday of every month

Join us at Hythe Library between 10.30am and 12 noon on the first Saturday of

every month for Construction Club. This session is perfect for those aged around 4 years and upwards who enjoy building with bricks. There is no need to book, just drop in. Parents and carers to remain with their children, please.

Cost FREE

Contact Hythe Library

Phone 02380 841457

Chatterbooks

Monthly club for book lovers aged 7-11

Join us at Hythe Library on the second Tuesday of every month between 4.15pm and 5.15pm for Chatterbooks. This is for you if you are aged 7 to 11 years and love books and reading. Come along to make new friends, chat about books, look at new books, read and write reviews, visit websites, discuss new authors, plus other activities, crafts and quizzes! Just come along; there is no need to book in advance.

Cost FREE

Contact Hythe Library

Phone 02380 841457

Totton: Totton Library will be closed 19 February to 20 May to allow for major refurbishment

Check details for local Southampton Libraries we will credit all activities.

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 ([Download PDF Activity Sheet](#))
- 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.

Things To Do on 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.



Spring Challenge

Our Seasonal challenges have been very popular so don't forget that our Spring Challenge is available today:

- there are 12 different activities to do!

[Spring Challenge 2018 PDF](#)

Kind regards,
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