

Summer 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Graduation 2019

Thank you to everyone who came along and made our Graduation in June, a very special day for all the children. I really appreciate the effort that everyone took to be super early due to the motorway closure and hope that the journey home was not too long!

New Forest Show 30th, 31st July and 1st August

There are so many activities at the show that will earn credits in your CU Passports. If you come remember that we are running activities again this year, so do pop in and see us in the Discovery Zone and say hello. Plus if you visit the 'Heart of The Forest' you will find even more activities to earn CU Credits. There is also a Show Trail which is validated CU Learning too!

We still have room for a couple of volunteers to help us out. Email lstout@thehive-croydon.org if you are interested.

CU Online

Over the last few weeks we have been updating Passports to Learning and It has been a pleasure to see some of the interesting activities that children have been participating in to receive their credits (hours).

We have some exciting news about Children's University in September. We will be introducing 'Children's University Online ' and are currently in the process of setting everything up. Our new digital platform will be a fun, safe and secure online space for participants to record what they're doing. Children will be able to use this alongside their Passport to Learning, collecting stamps in their passports that can then be posted online where they'll unlock additional information about their activities.

It's going to be great for children and families, schools, and it will be easier for learning providers to get their activities validated.

How it will work for children and families

Children will collect stamp codes in their Passport to Learning that they can then add online. By adding their codes to Children's University Online they'll unlock further information showing them the interests and skills they're developing through participation. All children will have their very own dashboard which will help them see how they're progressing towards the next award level; reflect on the skills they're building and help them find new

activities. There are also online-only exclusive badges that can be collected between graduations

The children's current individual hours will be upload on to the digital platform. In September we will issue each child with a unique username and password and offer family workshops to explain how to upload the hours for the activities completed over the Summer Holidays.

Please visit our website to read more information about activities your child can do over the summer holidays to earn credits www.newforestcu.co.uk

Also please find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NewForestCU/> for daily posts with ideas to complete our Summer Challenges.

Using Your Passport Over the Summer.

We are asking all children to keep a journal of their activities over the Summer. In their journal they can keep copies of any worksheets, trails and evidence of any visits to galleries, museums, castles etc. They should also keep any evidence from completing any of our challenges or online downloadable learning. Remember the Summer Book Challenge is part of Children's University learning too. We also give credits for recommendations for new Learning Destinations.

In September we will give credits to those who have completed their journals in a organised and interesting way. You can download a Journal template from our website.

Keep an eye out for confirmation of our 'New Forest Family Award' which will be going live very soon.

Here are some ideas to get you started for the Summer:

Activity sheets to complete at home -

activities and challenges you can download and complete at home

New Forest CU Summer Holiday Challenge [Click here to download](#)

CU Trust holiday Challenge Sheet - [Click here to download](#)

Money Matters worksheet by Rooster Money - [Click here to download](#)

Bigfoot Creative Arts Activity Pack - [Click here to download](#)

The Big Butterfly Count <https://www.bigbutterflycount.org/> (credited as part of our Green Ambassador Award)

Activity sheets to take with you to Learning Destinations

Hurst Castle

We have prepared some bespoke activity sheets with The Castle for families which can be downloaded here: <http://www.newforestcu.co.uk/learning/destinations>

Forestry Commission - [Click here to download](#)

Download this activity sheet to take with when you visit a woodland looked after by the Forestry Commission. Fill in this activity sheet as you walk around and enjoy the forest. Learn how a well-managed forest works, and how it can be so much more than simply a place to grow trees. This activity is worth 2 credits.

If you are travelling a little further this Summer how about:

Chessington Zoo - [Click here to download](#)

Meet over 1,000 animals at Chessington Zoo; from the exotic and endangered to the just plain cute. Zoo Quest is a self-guided interactive learning experience which helps children to find out amazing facts about some of the incredible animals in the zoo and deepens their understanding in a fun way. This activity is worth 2 credits.

LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort Activity Sheet - [Click here to download](#)

Download this activity sheet to take with you when you visit LEGOLAND® Windsor. Challenge yourself at some of our favourite sections of the resort and fill in the activity sheet as you go. If completing the activity pack as part of Children's University, get in touch to request our exclusive discount. This activity is worth 4 credits.

SEA LIFE Aquariums - [Click here to download](#)

Download this activity sheet to take with you when you visit any of the SEA LIFE aquariums around UK. Pay close attention as you walk around the SEA LIFE Centre and fill in the Children's University activity sheet as you go. Discover even more about conservation as well as our incredible turtles, sharks and other aquatic wonders. This activity is worth 2 credits.

Learning at Colchester Zoo - [Click here to download](#)

This pack is designed to provide parents, families and groups with information and activities to help you learn at Colchester Zoo. Complete the activities to earn Children's University passport stamps! This activity is worth 1 credit.

Have a great Summer

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