

## Summer 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been popping into schools to update 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. <http://www.thehive-croydon.org/what-we-do/community/childrens-university/>

Also please find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CroydonCU/> 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 Book Challenge at the library and Better Leisure Centres are all part of Croydon Children's University. 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 template from our website.

**Here are some ideas to get you started:**

**Croydon CU John Muir Family Discovery Award**

<http://www.thehive-croydon.org/what-we-do/community/childrens-university/activities/>

Limited places book by email [Istout@thehive-croydon.org](mailto:Istout@thehive-croydon.org)

Selsdon Wood Nature Reserve

Old Farleigh Road

Croydon CR2 8QF

**Activity sheets to complete at home -**

activities and challenges you can download and complete at home

**Croydon 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](#)

**Activity sheets to take with you to Learning Destinations**

**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.

**Museum of London** - [Click here to download](#)

This trail will take you around the Museum of London highlighting some of London's most exciting times. There is one activity in each gallery, but make sure to look around to discover other things you might like. This activity is worth 2 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.

Have a great Summer

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