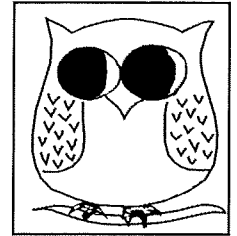


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"Where A Love of Learning Grows"

13th October 2017

Dear Parents

We have registered the school to be part of the growing Children's University Scheme, which our school and our pyramid schools have become involved in. We had Annabel Collins in school last term to present to the children how the Children's University Scheme works. It is a scheme that celebrates learning outside of school hours. To encourage a wider knowledge and participation in local events and activities. As many of our children are already very involved in outside activities, they could be earning accreditation for the activities they already do outside school, at school clubs as well as many fun home activities at that can be chosen from the University Spring Challenge list.

Children collect hours every time they take part in an accredited activity and once they have enough hours they will 'graduate' at a special ceremony at Worcester University.

The Children's University™ (CU) is an international organisation that provides 7-14 year olds (and 5 & 6 year olds with their families) with access to exciting and innovative learning activities and experiences outside of the normal school day. These learning activities are being provided by this school as well as other organisations and are called *Learning Destinations*.

The Children's University™ aims to raise aspirations, celebrate achievement, boost achievement and foster a love of learning, so that children can make the most of their abilities and interests.

All children who join the Children's University have an individually numbers *Passport to Learning* in which they can collect stamps and stickers to demonstrate the number of hours of learning they have achieved in validated Children's University activities. They will also be able to record their hours, give feedback on the activities and look for new *Learning Destinations* on the schools online CU E-Passport secure website.

The official national Children's University Trust™ Awards

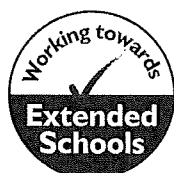
There are three groups: Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctorate, with four levels in each. The first level is called the Award level:

30 hours = Bronze Award Certificate

65 hours = Silver Award Certificate

100 hours = Gold Award Certificate

There are progressive steps leading all the way up to 1000 hours of learning at the top Doctorate level. We ask children to participate in at least 10 hours of 'something new' for each award level above Bronze Award Level.



The cost of CU Membership for each child is £3.00 for which each child receives:

- A CU *Passport to Learning*
- Access to CU Learning Activities provided by CU quality assured *Learning Destinations*.

Participation in a Children's University Graduation ceremony where they will receive a Children's University, dressed traditionally in a graduation cap & gown, with an invitation to parents/ carers to attend.

Membership is renewed each time a new *Passport To Learning* is required (on average we find this is once every 18 months).

Through participation in fun, high quality learning experiences, we aim to grow inquisitive, confident, independent children and learners. It's about enjoyment and a sense of achievement for all. Membership of the Children's University provides each child with access to a range of quality assured learning provision.

Children are responsible for their own *Passport to Learning* and it is very important that they take care of them as lost records cannot always be accessed.

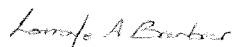
To find out where the activities are away from school, visit www.childrensuniversity.co.uk and click of the Learning Destination section on the front page. Information will also be sent out in our school's newsletters.

Please note that Children's University can only take responsibility for the quality of the learning experience provided by the *Learning Destination* and cannot be held responsible for other matters.

For more information about Children's University speak to the school's Children's University Co-ordinator or contact the local Children's University office on 0121 718 7081.

I do hope you will support your child in this exciting venture and help them to achieve their Children's University™ awards. This passport costs £3.00 and can be ordered through school. If you would like your child to participate and begin collecting, please sign below for your child's passport. We will be sending off the order on Friday 21st October if you would like to begin this term.

Yours sincerely



Lorraine A Barber
Head Teacher

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I would like/would not like to have a children's University Passport and will pay £3.00 on P4S.

Signed Parent