9th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we are introducing an exciting new scheme called the Children’s University (CU) which is an international charity set up to encourage and celebrate children participating in extracurricular activities both in and out of school. Any child from age 5 up to 14 years of age is able to join and take part in activities at a validated learning centre.

Upon joining, your child will be presented with a paper passport and an online login. Every time they attend a session at a validated Learning Destination, they will collect stamp codes, which consist of a colour and a 4-digit number, for the time they spend undertaking the activity there. As a CU school, all our extra-curricular activities and clubs will be validated, so that the hours can be counted in the passport.

The hours are logged and build towards a series of awards from the first Bronze Award for 30 hours, through to the Gold Doctorate Fellowship for 1000 hours. Once they have achieved an award, there will be a presentation assembly where the children get to dress in a cap and gown to receive their award! They then continue their journey to the next level. They will also be invited to the annual graduation held in the summer at various locations. Previous locations have included University Centre Peterborough and Peterborough Cathedral.

There are many validated Learning Destinations in the Cambridge area and also nationally, from gymnastics and swimming lessons through to sewing lessons, coding clubs and museums. These are identified by the Passport to Learning logo. Children simply take their passport along and must get it stamped at the location on completion of the activity to log their time.

If your child attends a club which is not yet validated, the process is very simple for them to become a part of the Children’s University, this simply involves completing and submitting a form to the manager for Peterborough via the website. You can find the list of local clubs who are validated learning destinations by using your child’s login on the website [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk)

The cost of the CU membership for each child is £5.00, for which your child receives:

* A CU Passport to Learning
* Access to a Children’s University Online passport
* Participation in a Children’s University graduation ceremony, where they will receive a certificate and dress in the cap and gown, as mentioned above.

If you are interested in your child joining the Children’s University, please complete the slip attached and return it to school. You will then be contacted with payment details and issued with a passport and log in details for your child to access the online system. If you would like more information please look at the powerpoint on the school website or refer to the CU website <https://vivacity.org/vivacity-events/school-activities/children-s-university/>

Yours sincerely,

Gill Davies

Headteacher

I/we\* the parents/carers\* of

Class:

Would like to register our interest for the Children’s University.

Signed: Date: