



*'Learning together what is good and right.'*

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We are excited that St Andrew's has become part of the Children's University, which is a national initiative that rewards extra-curricular learning for children aged between 5 and 14. The Children's University believes that children can and do learn anywhere, when doing all sorts of activities.

Joining the Children's University will cost £1 per child for a one year membership and provides you with a 'Passport to Learning' and the opportunity to receive acknowledgement when taking part in exciting and creative learning activities outside of the normal school day. This includes all of the after school clubs here at St Andrew's as well as local sports clubs, swimming lessons, gymnastics, Brownies, Scouts, martial arts, music lessons (in and out of school) and drama activities, to name but a few.

For every activity children attend, they can get a stamp in their Passport to Learning, and when they get 30 stamps they will receive a bronze certificate. Continuing to 65 stamps will result in a silver certificate and obtaining 100 stamps means receiving a gold certificate and you and your family will be invited to Plymouth University where you will have a graduation ceremony. You don't have to stop there though, you can collect awards and certificates right up to 1000 hours should you choose to. You will also receive Children's University Badges that you can wear to show off your achievements.

At St Andrew's we are launching this scheme now as the summer holiday approaches as the Children's University website offers a wealth of ideas for family activities that you might be interested in. Children's University learning partners cover a diverse range of public providers, including: Higher and Further Education Institutions, Museums, Libraries and Archives, Woodland Trust, English Heritage, The Forestry Commission, Pets at Home and Halfords. Internationally, they have a growing number of public Learning Destinations in Germany, Italy, Cyprus and Australia.

For more information about events, please look at the Devon & Cornwall Children's University website:

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/business-partners/partnerships/childrens-university> or

<https://www.facebook.com/DevonChildUni> The main CU website <http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk> also has excellent search functions to see activities and events around our local area (or wherever you might find yourselves during the holidays!)

The Devon and Cornwall Children's University team will be coming into School tomorrow to introduce the scheme to the children during assembly. If you are interested in your child joining the Children's University, I will be selling Passports to Learning on the KS1 playground every day after school until the end of term.

Do come and see me and I will hopefully be able to answer any questions you might have. Once a passport is issued to your child, all you have to do is, check that the activity outside of school has been validated, record your child's attendance at these activities and usually ask the provider to sign or stamp the passport. When they reach a certificate level, send in their passport to school to be verified and they will be issued with their certificates and badges.

All of our school clubs (including those provided by external organisations) have been validated by Devon & Cornwall Children's University, but you might need to check outside of school clubs, to see if they have been validated. If you have any outside of schools clubs that you would like to nominate, please send me their email address and I can pass this onto Devon & Cornwall CU to validate in order for passports to be stamped.

If you have any questions, please feel free to see me in the playground or contact me by email at [samanthajtucker@hotmail.com](mailto:samanthajtucker@hotmail.com)

Many thanks,

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