SLS Parent Newsletter
Autumn 1 2023
Here are some of the exciting, low cost, local events for children and young people coming up during the summer holidays.

Public Libraries- Half Term Activities

There are a range of spooky themed activities for children to enjoy during the half-term holiday. All are free and drop-in.

Alderman Lacey Library

Friday 27 October, 11am: Halloween activity

There is also a Halloween themed scavenger hunt all through the holiday.

Beddow Library

Friday 27 October: 10am Spooky story time and at 11am – 12 noon Spooky crafts

Saturday 28 October: 11am Spooky story time followed by Spooky crafts drop in

There is also a Hunt the Rat treasure hunt running all week.

Carnegie Library

Monday 23 October, 11am: Halloween activity

Central Library

Friday 27 October, 10am: Halloween activity

Cosham Library

Thursday 26 October, 2pm: Spooky Stories and Crafts – Special Halloween story time followed by craft activity.

North End Library

Friday 27 October, 11am: Creepy Crafts

Paulsgrove Library

Monday 23 October, 10am – 3pm:"Wild" Halloween – to tie in with Paulsgrove Wilder Day

Portsea Library

Friday 27 October, 2pm: Halloween activity

Southsea Library

Monday 23 October, 10am – 10.30am: Rhyme time (Dress Up) and Stay and Play

Monday 23 October, 2pm – 2.30pm: Spooky Storytime with Witch storyteller

Tuesday 24 October, 11am – 11.30am: Spanish Rhyme time

Wednesday 25 October, 11.30am – 1pm: Haunted House Craft and Halloween Activities

Thursday 26 October, 10am – 10.30am: Rhyme time (Dress up)

Thursday 26 October, 2pm – 3pm: Fortune Teller Storytime and Fortune Teller Craft

Saturday 28 October, 10.30am – 11am: Rhyme time and Creepy Craft

Sunday 29 October, 10.30am – 11am: Rhyme time and Creepy Craft

Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery- Halloween Fun

Dress to Distress at Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery this half term.
Join us for a fun programme of Spooky activities. Plus, come in your scariest costume and claim your trick or treat prize.
Activities include:
Halloween Trail
Follow the horrific Halloween Trail to win a lucky dip prize at the end.
Daily, 10am-5pm.
£2 per person. Leisure Card holders free.
Creepy Crafts
Daily, 10am-12pm.
£2 per person. Leisure Card holders free.
Haunted Galleries
Explore the Haunted Galleries if you dare.
Daily, 10am-5pm.
Free, donations welcome.
Halloween Disco
Daily, 1pm-4pm.
Free, donations welcome.

Cumberland House Natural History Museum- Halloween Trail

Do you know the collective nouns for the animals in the trail? Pick up a worksheet and look for the answers next to the animals.
When: Saturday 21 to Sunday 29 October (museum closed on Mondays).
Where: Cumberland House Natural History Museum.
Cost: £2 per person. Leisure Card holders free.

Boathouse 4- Halloween Extravaganza

21st-29th October 10.00-4.30

There will be a range of Halloween activities on offer for all members of the family to get involved with at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

They include:

Spooky badge Making (50p per badge)

Trick or Treat hunt

Design your own pumpkin

Activity sheet (with a prize to be won at the end)

Rope making (Subject to availability)

Entry to the interactive display upstairs

Remember, Boathouse 4 is free to enter. Just ask for a Heritage Quarter Pass at the Visitor Centre.

Port Solent- Halloween Disco Party

Tuesday 24th October 2023
It's dance time! Come along and have some disco party fun and games galore! Disco sessions 11am, 1pm and 3pm. This event is free.

 The Port Solent Kids Club offers a wide range of activities to keep your little ones entertained. From arts and crafts to magic and games, there is something for every child to enjoy. Kids Clubs take place on every Tuesday and Thursday during school holidays so there's lots of opportunities for kids to have fun and make new friends.

Online Library
Enjoy *free* access to lots of brilliant eBooks, Audiobooks, Music, Newspapers and Magazines with a Portsmouth Library account. These fantastic offers are available 24/7 and can be accessed anywhere with an internet/wifi connection.
Don't have a Portsmouth Library account? You can join free online! Use a search engine to find 'Portsmouth Library and Archive Service' website and follow the links to 'Public library' and 'Join the library' - you'll be issued with an account number and password which you can use to start accessing the e-services straight away.

Have a wonderful half term!