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Dear Teachers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Suzie Moore and I have recently joined the education team at the New Forest Centre as an education officer. I was a full time teacher for 9 years and have brought my own class to the centre on many occasions. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible and to working with the rest of the team to make your visit to the New Forest Centre enjoyable and as easy as possible.



May I wish your all a happy and peaceful New Year and I can't wait to hear from you...

Suzie

Stonechats are birds that can be found on the precious lowland heath of the New Forest. Perched on top of a gorse bush its sharp call sounds like two stones being tapped together.

Bolderwood Notes

This is a busy time for us at Bolderwood smallholding. The animals that are not on the Forest need to be feed and generally looked after throughout the winter months, whilst those that stay out on the forest have to be regularly checked over to make sure they are keeping well. if needs be, we will get them in on to our holding for a little bit of TLC!!

The pigs are back on the holding after the Pannage season. There wasn't a large crop of acorns this autumn, so they were home by the end of November.

The cold weather does not hurt the Forest animals; the ponies eat gorse, holly, brambles etc. In fact they enjoy the winter season when the Forestry Commission cut holly trees down to encourage new growth; the branches are left on the forest floor for the ponies and deer to feed on. Ponies will walk quite a distance as soon as they hear the sound of a chainsaw! Talking of Chainsaws, I am so pleased we gathered our firewood in last summer and stored it away in our wood shed. There is nothing like putting a nice dry log on the fire to keep us all warm.

Hope to see you, when the apple blossom is out.

Bye for now
Caroline



Outreach Sessions for Schools

Let us bring the Forest to you!

The New Forest Centre can bring a little bit of the New Forest straight into your school though one of our outreach sessions. This could take the form of an assembly or a class visit.

We can bring artefacts to study, pictures to enjoy and activities to encourage your pupils to understand the unique qualities of the New Forest. All our sessions are fun and interactive and we can easily adapt them to fit in with a wide variety of topic or curriculum areas.

For details of how to book an outreach session call or e-mail the Education Team at The New Forest Centre.

Indoor Half Day Activity Sessions

As the weather turns cold and damp don't forget that the New Forest Centre also offers half day sessions that are based inside.

Do you want to role play in the Verderers court? Or be a Nature Detective and study how animals have adapted to their environment?

What was life like in the 1930's in the forest? Or what does the New Forest National Park really mean?

Come and find out more about the New Forest and its history—whilst staying warm and dry.

Did you know...

The New Forest centre also runs a fortnightly toddlers group. Do you know anyone who may be interested?

Contact us for more details.

Big Thank You to Tiptoe Primary

Tiptoe Primary School decided to start the year with a whole school topic on The New Forest. The children came to visit the New Forest Centre and Suzie went to the school. The education team were delighted to be invited to their topic display day and would like to say a big WELL DONE and THANK YOU to the school for loaning some of their hard work which is now on display in the Centre.

For more information or any queries contact the Education Team.



Facilities available at The New Forest Centre

- **Gallery—interactive displays detailing the working forest, commoning, history and habitats**
- **Field Studies Room—with NEW illuminated magnifiers and data loggers for use out in the Forest**
- **Seminar Room with projector**
- **Temporary Exhibition Room**
- **Christopher Tower Reference and Map Library - suitable for all levels of research about the New Forest**



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