



October 2020

Newsletter No. 2

Diary Dates

Wednesday 21 October 2020	Carrymoor Virtual Assembly and sessions
Wednesday 21 October 2020	Last day of Term
Thursday 22 October – Friday 30 October 2020	Half Term Holidays
Monday 2 November 2020	Inset Day
Tuesday 3 November 2020	First day of Term
Wednesday 25 November 2020	Flu Vaccinations Year Reception – Year 6
Thursday 17 December 2020	Elf Run fundraiser event for Dorothy House
Friday 18 December 2020	Last Day of Term
Monday 21 December – Thursday 31 December 2020	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 January 2021	Inset Days
Wednesday 6 January 2021	First day of Term
Friday 12 February 2021	Last day of Term
Monday 15 – Friday 19 February 2021	Half Term Holidays
Monday 22 February 2021	First day of Term
Thursday 1 April 2021	Last day of Term
Monday 5 April – Friday 16 April 2021	Easter Holidays
Monday 19 April 2021	First day of Term
Friday 28 May 2021	Last day of Term
Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021	Half Term Holidays
Monday 7 June 2021	First day of Term
Friday 23 July 2021	Last day of Term

End of term on Wednesday this week

It has been a busy first term and children as well as staff are looking forward to the half term break. Please note that **Wednesday is the last day of term this week**. School will not be open on Thursday and Friday. The first day back at school after half term will be **Tuesday 3 November**.



Deadline for Flu Vaccine Permissions

Please note that the deadline for completing the online permission form for your child to receive the Flu Vaccine at school is **23 October**. **You must complete the form even if you do not give permission for your child to receive the vaccine at school.** The online form can be found here: <https://saint.sompar.nhs.uk/flu/2020/east>

Further details about the flu vaccine can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

Carrymoor Virtual Assembly

We are looking forward to the 'Talking Rubbish' whole school virtual assembly on Wednesday afternoon, hosted by the Carrymoor Environmental Trust and supported by Somerset Waste Partnership. The assembly will introduce the 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' idea and explain about the new Recycle More service in Somerset. This will be followed by curriculum linked workshops to help the children think about practical ways in which we can all help to reduce and recycle waste.

Congratulations to our poetry competition winners

Over the summer, the Somerset Literacy Network ran their Young Poets' Competition 2020. Entrants were asked to write an ekphrastic poem, inspired by a painting or drawing. We are proud to announce that out of thousands of entries from across Somerset, 2 of our pupils' poems received commendations and one poem won third place. Huge congratulations to all our winners.

We are a nut free school

We have children at school who suffer from a serious nut allergy, which can quickly lead to a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. For this reason, we aim to be a nut-free school. Parents and carers can help us to avoid any issues by being extra vigilant about packed lunches and snacks. Please help us by ensuring that there are no nut products in lunch boxes or snacks and check packaged food for traces of nuts. Fruit and cereal bars, chocolate bars and cake bars often contain traces of nuts.

Thank you so much for your support in helping to assure the safety of all our children in school. You can find out more about food allergies on the following websites:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/food-allergy/>

<https://www.allergyuk.org>

<https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk>

Online safety advice

You can access the #OnlineSafetyAtHome resources through the [Good to Know parents and carers website](#). Alongside their video guides for parents and carers you can now access their new [top tips videos](#) through the Good to Know Youtube channel and website.

These 30-60 second videos set out simple things that parents and carers can do to keep their child safe while they're engaging in different online activities such as live streaming and gaming.



School Applications for 2021

If your child is due to start or transfer school for September 2021, it is now time to make your application.

The deadline for primary phase applications is 15th January.

The deadline for secondary phase applications is 31st October.

Please apply online by visiting <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/>

Also a reminder that we currently have a couple of 2 year old and 3 year old spaces left available at Hornbeams nursery. If you would be interested in finding out more, please contact the school office or take a look at the Hornbeams nursery Facebook Page.

After School Clubs

As well as our breakfast club starting from 8am, IG Sports run after school clubs at Hemington every week day, until either 4.15 or 5pm. The timetable for activities available is as follows:

Monday: Ball Games

Tuesday: Multi Sports

Wednesday: Invasion Games

Thursday: Multi Sports

Friday: Free Play (indoor and outdoor games)

Due to current restrictions activities may be changed and numbers are restricted.

Breakfast Club and both time options for After School Club can be booked on [Parent Pay](#)

Parking outside of school

Please note that it is extremely dangerous to park on the zig zag yellow lines outside of the school gates. A Traffic Regulation Order has been arranged, making it an offence to park on this area for any length of time. A copy of our Traffic and Parking Policy can be found on the school website [here](#).

The October issue of **the Family Matters Magazine** is now available in online format [here](#)

School Meal Price Increase

From Term 2, there will be a slight increase in the cost of a school meal, from £2.70 to £2.80 across the Midsomer Norton School Partnership Trust.



Forest School Activities

Children have been enjoying forest school activities on a Monday and the Autumn weather has been kind for this so far. Here you can see some impressive fire making skills from last week and this morning's session was even more exciting as children made marshmallow smores!



Managing Big Emotions Online Training Video

Somerset County Council have produced an online training video for parents on **Managing Big Emotions: Promoting Mental Health**.

The video is half an hour long and covers:

- What is behaviour and what does it mean?
- What is anxiety?
- Emotion coaching: how to respond helpfully to your child's big emotions.
- How to help your child break the "avoidance cycle".

The link to the video can be found here: <https://youtu.be/G4giEhUKLKo>



**OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB AT
ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, PEASEDOWN
RUN BY EXPERIENCED TEACHERS
OCTOBER HALF TERM 8.30AM – 3.30PM**

**CAKE DECORATING
NERF WARS
DANCE
DODGEBALL**

**COSTUME
PARADE
SPORTS**

**ARTS AND
CRAFTS
PUMPKIN
CARVING**

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