



**September 2020**

**Newsletter No. 1**

**Diary Dates**

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



## Welcome back!

A very warm welcome to school for this new term and new school year. It has been a joy to see the children catching-up with their friends and teachers after such a long time away and getting back into the school routine. We are delighted to welcome 7 new children to the reception class (though several of these children knew us already having attended Hornbeams nursery). A very warm welcome to our two new families who have joined with children attending in other year groups.

Thank you to all our parents for helping children prepare for the new school year, especially as things have had to adjust so much. We have been really impressed with how quickly the children have settled in and adapted to the new routines and systems.

We know that our Year 6 families are already thinking about their secondary schools and you can find details of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership virtual open days further down in this newsletter.

## Welcome to our student teacher

A warm welcome to Ellie Dowding who has joined us this week to support learning in Brunel class. Ellie is a student doing her teacher training at Bath Spa University and will be with us until the end of this term.

## Parent Governor Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies on the School's Local Governing Board. This is a rewarding role which requires attendance at evening meetings once a term and occasionally some communication in between. This is an opportunity to represent parents in making a positive contribution to the school community and to help ensure the best start for all our children. Please get in touch with Mrs Iles in the office if you would like to hear more.

## Hello from Hornbeams Nursery

Here at Pre-School we have welcomed back 7 children and have a waiting list of 6 more to join us by Easter. The children have enjoyed sharing their space with their friends in the Reception class. This term we have chosen to look at the story of The Gruffalo as our topic. We have planned some exciting activities for the children to take part in and created a large display board. We have loved being able to resume our forest school activities on a Wednesday morning and so far the weather has been kind. Unfortunately we cannot open to stay and play parents just yet owing to current restrictions, but we are forever hopeful we will once again be able to do this.





### Video about Seasonal Flu Vaccinations at School

The NHS have produced this online promotional video which should help answer any questions parents have about the flu vaccinations taking place at school this year. Our vaccination date for your diary is 25 November 2020 for children from Reception to Year 6. Please complete the online consent form sent out by email earlier this week as soon as possible, and by **23 October at the latest**.



#### 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.

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

#### Reading at Home

It has been lovely to hear about the exciting books the children have discovered while they have been away from school. Please continue to take the time to do this. It will also develop your child's language and comprehension skills to talk about what they have been reading. Research shows that children who read for 20 minutes at home every day are significantly advantaged in their learning at school.

#### Somerset Rural Life Museum back open

[Somerset Rural Life Museum](#) have got in touch and asked us to let you know that due to their forced closures in the Spring they have decided to remove the expiry date of the Golden Tickets issued to the children who visited with school last year. They have asked us to encourage parents to visit now that the museum is back open.





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## Virtual Open Events - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

We would like to invite you to join us for the Virtual Open Evening Events at our three schools.

This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will be holding our Open Evenings virtually. Each school will have a virtual tour, subject information and a Headteacher presentation. We hope that these events will help you understand a little more about the vision and ethos of the individual schools and what they have to offer you and your children.

The events will be available on the individual school websites from 8am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October.



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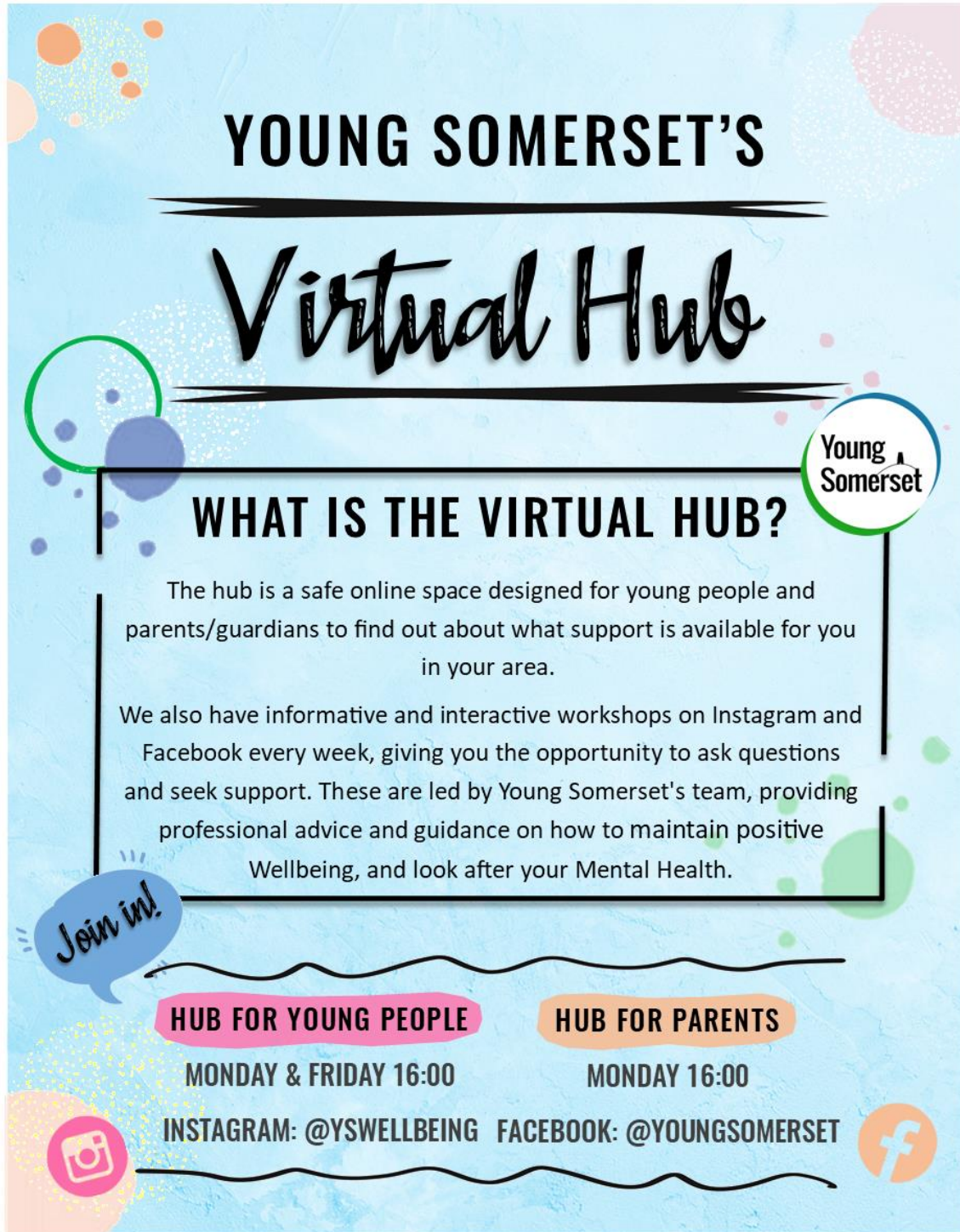
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## Virtual Hub

**WHAT IS THE VIRTUAL HUB?**

The hub is a safe online space designed for young people and parents/guardians to find out about what support is available for you in your area.

We also have informative and interactive workshops on Instagram and Facebook every week, giving you the opportunity to ask questions and seek support. These are led by Young Somerset's team, providing professional advice and guidance on how to maintain positive Wellbeing, and look after your Mental Health.

**Join in!**

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| <b>HUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE</b> | <b>HUB FOR PARENTS</b> |
| MONDAY & FRIDAY 16:00       | MONDAY 16:00           |

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