



# Avon Primary School Newsletter

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## End of the School Year

It seems to me that each year gets better and better. Over the last term the PTFA have held a Summer Fair and disco. We had an amazing Science week, Sports Day with three different sessions, a Reading Celebration and a wonderful music assembly where each class performed. This week children have worked on an art work depicting our new name 'Nova' and a final play from the oldest children in our school.

## Robin and the Hoodies

Year 6 took the main parts of this highly amusing and quite tricky play. They were ably supported by Year 5. Everyone amazed us with the roles you took on and the obvious enjoyment you showed performing – acting, singing and especially the Merry Men dancing!

Year 6, you have really matured this last year and should be proud of your many achievements. We know how hard you have worked and the progress you have made both academically and socially. You are an extremely loyal and supportive group of pupils and you are truly ready for your next adventure into secondary school. We will miss you all. All the very best for your futures. Keep in touch with each other and your old primary school and continue to let your stars shine brightly.

## Dates for your diary

### Inset days, School closed

Day 1 – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept

Day 2 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept

### Term Dates 2016 - 17

Term 1 Thurs 1 Sept – Fri 21 Oct 2016

Term 2 Mon 31 Oct – Fri 16 Dec 2016

Term 3 Tues 3 Jan – Fri 10 Feb 2017

Term 4 Mon 20 Feb – Fri 7 April 2017

Term 5 Mon 24 April – Fri 26 May 2017

Term 6 Mon 5 June – Fri 22 July 2017

### TERM 1

Mon 5 Sept – FIRST day of school for all

Fri 9 Sept – Nova launch – sporting activities and a barbecue from 3pm

Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies raised £66.80 for Macmillan cancer research

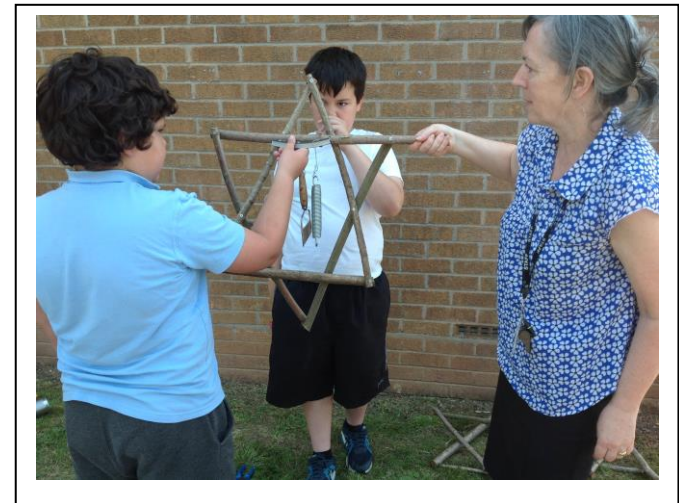
## Nova Art Installation

Litterarti visited school this week and worked with groups of children on a piece of art work which will depict our new school name and be hung on the external hall wall for all to see.

As the name of the group suggests, the art work has used recycled materials; plastics, wood and metal. Teachers, children and a school governor were engrossed sawing, gluing, drilling, twisting and tying to combine items into the final design. It will be amazing and unique. I can't wait to see it but we will all have to be patient until September. Thanks go to Mr Bacon for organising this.

## Old School Uniforms

Children left school on Wednesday with their new Nova books bags. All those I spoke to were really pleased with the design and loved the attached pencil case inside it. Many of you have purchased the new Nova school uniform but as you know children may wear their blue Avon Primary uniform for this first year. However, if your child has switched completely to the Nova uniform, do not throw away their old blue sweatshirts and fleeces. The PTFA are collecting them. Some will go to pet charities and others will be recycled. Send them in to school in September. We will have a collecting bin in the entrance hall.



**Reading Celebration** Mrs Young, the Reading Lead at school, has been very proud of the children's reading achievements this year and organised a special event for the children, their families and the reading buddies. We had a celebratory tea party (above) and the children were presented with a book. A representative from the local libraries came along to promote reading through the school holidays. Anyone can take part in the Big Friendly Read. Join a library (it's free and children do not get charged if the book is overdue), read six books and you earn a medal, a certificate and get to escape in a wonderful story or learn new facts. If you take part, bring your medal into school to share at our Achievement Assembly.





## Music in school

Our children love singing and performing and all get the chance to put on a concert each year. In addition, every term we have a whole school music assembly where each class performs a song or an instrumental piece of music. The Charanga music programme has developed rhythm, pulse and pitch and also concentration as you can tell from the photo where the children are playing the glockenspiels.

The assemblies are a great success and enjoyed by all. Everyone leaves the assembly with a spring in their step because it is so uplifting.



The online Mathletics website is available over the summer holidays. Do login and keep those maths skills sharp.

**Paint Pals** Today was a very special day for our wonderful Paint Pals from Year 5. Over the last year they have been visiting and sending letters and art work to elderly residents at Blaise Weston Court in Lawrence Weston. This morning, they were invited, along with parents and carers to see an exhibition of paintings, drawings and writing collected over the year, and to celebrate what has been an enlightening experience for young and old. Here are some quotes from the children about their experiences...

*I think Paint Pals brightened my day as much as it brightened Eileen's day – Ellie*

*We were surprised that some of our new friends have forty-eight grand children! - Shamae*

*Our Paint Pals are really good at art – Halle*

*I like how the Paint Pals have more experience and they share it with us. We like hearing about our new friends' families – Ellie*

*It might be difficult for our Paint Pals to get out of their Care Home if they have mobility problems so it was good to visit them – Katelyn*

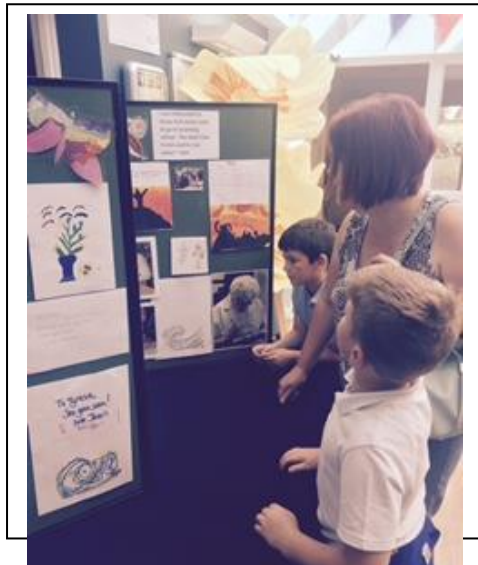
*I liked hearing about their childhood and comparing it to mine - Halle.*

*I was interested to know that Jackie used to go to boarding school. She didn't like it and used to run away! – Sam*

*We enjoyed everything about it! – Chris & Tyrese*

The Paint Pals were truly magnificent ambassadors for our school. Their patience, warmth and wit were adored by the residents and the link between the generations has been a joy to watch.

We will be running the project again next year.



## Talent Show

The penultimate day of the school year showcased our children's amazing talents. We had singing, dancing, drumming, gymnastics, joke telling and karate to name just some of the acts. Children sat mesmerised as Max stared at the audience and didn't blink for terrifically long periods of time. For his efforts he was awarded third place. Darcie, Emily, Klaudia, Ellie S and Martyna danced and sang to Mamma Mia and came second. In first place was Logan singing 'Firework.' The school were treated to Logan's beautiful voice twice as he performed another song with Mr Smith accompanying him on the guitar. The money raised from the talent show and non-uniform day today will go to the Golden Gift Appeal, Above and Beyond, which grants wishes to terminally ill children. We raised £230.50 for this wonderful cause.







*Mrs Lyddon at the end of year Talent Show*

## **Goodbye, Good Luck & Thank you**

Today, we have said goodbye not only to our Year 6 pupils but also to Mr Smith and Mrs Lyddon.

Mr Smith has made a great impression on children, parents and his fellow workmates during the two years he has been at our school. He had a previous career before starting teaching at Avon Primary and we, for one, are really glad he has joined what is a great profession. He is inspiring, dedicated and a fantastic team player. Dubai are extremely lucky to be having such a great teacher. Do keep in touch and all the very best. Thank for the apple tree –it's a lovely way to remember you.

Mrs Lyddon has been at Avon Primary for 16 years working with groups of children and individuals. She has worked on different programmes and supported the school in many ways. Nothing has been too much trouble from organising rotas to welcoming new staff and helping them get to grips with new routines. During her time here many children have enjoyed a variety of extra curricular clubs especially country dancing, leaving with red cheeks and smiles. Thank you too for going the extra mile for the children and staff here and all the very best for your retirement alongside Mr Lyddon. We hope you enjoyed our rendition of 'Filton Fields' at the final assembly. Thank you so much for the donation to our 'Quiet area.' We will buy some waterproof beanbags, and yes one will be red.

Miss Pyle and Miss George are also leaving us BUT.....don't worry. They are returning. Miss George will be returning as Mrs Barnes and Miss Pyle becomes Mrs Glanville. Congratulations and we hope you both have a fantastic wedding day - one to remember for a long time.

Finally, thank you for your support this year and enjoy the summer holidays. Children return to **Nova Primary School** on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The doors to your new classrooms will open at 8:35am.