



Nova Primary School Newsletter

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2016-2017, A Remarkable Year and our First as Nova Primary

It is really hard to believe that we have only been Nova Primary for one year – it seems like forever! Everyone has embraced the changes and our green uniform stands out amongst the community, as do our children. They have shone in all walks of school life and beyond. Just look at some of our amazing achievements this year.

December, March and July....A

staggering 4 school plays took place!

April.....the Governors appoint a new Headteacher.

April....Thanks to the School Council and the PTFA, our KS2 'Quiet Area' was built in the playground.

June.....Art Week was a huge success.

July....Our School Improvement Officer agrees – this is a good school, with capacity to become even better.

November....£675.90 was raised for Children in Need!

March....The school breaks its fundraising record - £1,142.86 was raised for Comic Relief through our fantastic enterprise sale and dress up day

May.....Our Year 6 class excel themselves in their SATs.

July.....Nova's Got Talent showed off our children's skills and confidence – enjoyed by all.

Thank you for choosing our school, for sending us such joyous children to work with and for all your support this year. Parents/carers, you are as great as your children. As the school year comes to a close I thought it worthwhile to let you know just how much money we have raised for charity this year. It is over £3,500. (see neighbouring table). This is phenomenal!

The staff have many great ideas for next year and the Senior Leadership Team will let you know some of them and our ideas for school improvement in September. I am very happy to be part of this great team for another few months and know we will soon be off to another great year as Nova Primary, with Mrs Morris, gearing up to take over in January 2018.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer holidays and we will see you on **Tuesday 5th September**. Don't forget the after school **barbecue on Friday 8th September**.

Dates for your diary

Fri 21st July – Final day of the school year

Bristol Term Dates for 2017 – 2018

Term 1 Mon 4th Sept to Fri 20th Oct 2017

Term 2 Mon 30th Oct to Fri 15th Dec 2017

Term 3 Tues 2nd Jan to Fri 9th Feb 2018

Term 4 Mon 19th Feb to Fri 23rd March 2018

Term 5 Mon 9th April to Fri 25th May 2018

Term 6 Mon 4th June to Tues 24th July 2018

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September 2017

Monday 30th October 2017

Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Monday 19th February 2018

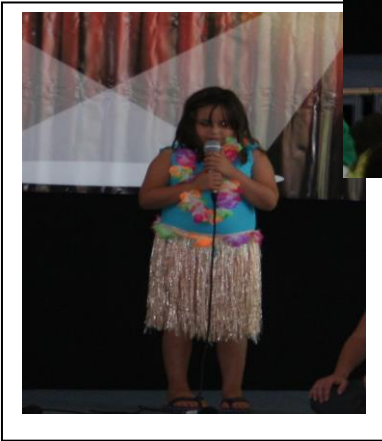
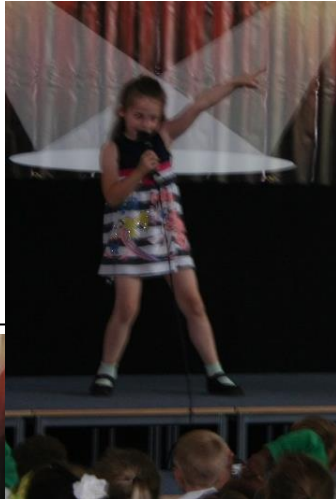
Inset day 5 to be decided

Friday 8th September – Welcome Back Barbecue after school

Lawrence Weston community farm	£229.77
Comic relief RND	£1,142.86
CLIC sargent	£66.80
Red Cross Manchester fund	£241.81
Macmillan coffee morning (staff only)	£141.00
Children in need	£675.90
Save the children Christmas jumper	£148.91
Children's hospice southwest	£357.61
NSPCC	£257.58
South Sudan Crisis	£229.17
Readathon	£13.50
Total	£3,504.91



Ruby, Ellie and Lilliah



Nova's Got Talent.

This is now a well established end to the school year. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the event clapping, cheering and whooping. The performers showed off their many talents. There was singing, dancing, drumming, telling jokes and Kung Fu. The show began with the three children who learn the violin in school – a tricky instrument but they have made great progress. Three more showed excellent rhythm on the drums; again another instrument learnt in school.

Our thanks go to Mrs West for organising the event. This year we raised £76 for the Children's Hospice South West which you will note takes our total for money raised for charity to £3,580.91 for the year.

Everyone was a winner for standing up and performing so confidently to entertain the whole school but the judges final decisions went to two Year 1 pupils and to someone who has recently joined the school. This in itself shows two things. One, that even are youngest children are keen, confident and believe in themselves and two, just how welcoming our school is, that children new to us really blossom and quickly become part of our community.

So the results were:

3rd place - Lilliah from Year 1

2nd place - Ruby M from Year 5

And with fantastic dance moves and wonderful singing, in 1st place – Ellie from year 1 also.

Goodbye and Good Luck, Year 6



On their penultimate day at Nova, Year 6 enjoyed a water fight with their teachers. I'm sure our leaving members of staff were disappointed not to join in. All the very best to Mr Parslow, Miss Rowley, and Mrs McLaughlin and thank you for all you have done for the school. Also well done to Mrs Whittaker for making it through to the end of the year with only 3 weeks to go before the birth of her first child. Year 6 - she didn't want to leave you.

What a wonderful year group you have been Year 6 – fun, kind, empathetic, hardworking, responsible and relishing challenges of any description. You have got on as a team and all of you have made incredible progress. You are ready for the next stage of life and learning. Continue to shine and brighten up people's lives. Make your old school proud and aim for the stars. With our very best wishes for the future.

From the Governors

It's hard to believe it's only been one year since the school rebranded as Nova Primary. Everywhere I look I see pupils embracing the new uniform and the new school values of Trust, Friendship, Discovery, and Success.

It has been a busy year for everyone. Despite the raised expectations for year 2 and year 6 SATS, the school has performed well in many areas, with some particular strengths, and the outlook is for continued improvements next year. The new Early Years Foundation Stage structure in our Reception classrooms is particularly innovative, and is a very child-centred model for learning.

As the academic performance at Nova improves, the School Business Manager and her team at the office continue to keep everything running within difficult budget restrictions, and we are glad to have them on board.

The school has responded well to ongoing challenge from Governors, and has a good team in place that work well together and share effective practice. Next year is the final year of the school expansion to 2-form entry, and we will welcome some new members of staff for this. We also wish those staff who are moving on, all the very best for their future career.

Governors appointed Mrs Morris as new Head Teacher, to take over from Mrs Atkins in January 2018, after a very rigorous recruitment and interview process. Mrs Atkins and Mrs Morris will be working together between September and Christmas to ensure a smooth transition for everyone at Nova.

Governors will welcome 2 new Parent Governors (Lisa Davies and Sam Cotter) starting in September.

The PTFA have organized many events throughout the year, including the recent Summer Fayre, and we are very grateful to them for their tireless efforts to help the school and the pupils. Governors appreciate the ongoing support of the wider community consisting of parents, carers, and family, for getting their charges to school every day and on time, ready to learn!

Finally, we hope you will all find the E-safety booklet handed out last week useful during the summer break, to keep your young ones alert and safe on-line.

Have a great summer!



Just a few reminders of the year.....



And Finally.....

In September we will have two classes in all year groups. Banksy Class has been in existence for several years and our second year 6 class is going to be called Morph Class after the character produced by the Bristol animations company, Aardman Animations – another art link.

