

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

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## Pantomime entertainment

This week the Rainbow theatre company visited school to perform their Aladdin pantomime for our children's Christmas entertainment. It was a wonderful performance that captivated us all. There was much laughter and cheering and throughout it was very imaginatively acted. For both shows 25 children also took part and they all remembered exactly what to do with only 15 minutes to practise beforehand. A big thank you goes to our supply agency, Hays, who supported us with the funding.



**Christmas Concerts** Next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm, we have the Christmas nativity performed by Wallace and Gromit classes. Please sign the forms outside each class indicating whether 1 or 2 parents/carers will be attending the concert. If any grandparents would like to see the performance do come along to the dress rehearsal on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10:15am. We will also have a crèche available on the Friday performance for pre-school children and toddlers, so make sure you sign up for this too.

The Christmas concert for our Year 1 and 2 children takes place in the final week of term on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. As four classes are involved we will issue tickets for the morning and afternoon performances and forms will be sent out next week. There will be a crèche for both shows and grandparents can attend the dress rehearsal on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

We do not charge for any of our concerts but do raise money for charity. This year's collections will be given to our Bristol homeless charity, the Julian Trust.

## Dates for your diary

### Bristol Term Dates for 2017 – 2018

**Term 2** Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

**Term 3** Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan to Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

**Term 4** Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

**Term 5** Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Term 6** Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June to Tues 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING INSET DAYS**

**Inset day 3 - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

**Inset day 4 - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Inset day 5 to be decided**

**Fri 1 Dec – XMAS DISCO,**

**Wed 6 Dec - Reception and Year 1 classes to visit St Mary's church**

**Thurs 7 Dec – Reception nativity Dress rehearsal @ 10:15 – Grandparents welcome**

**Fri 8 Dec – Reception classes Nativity, 2:15pm**

**Mon 11 Dec – Y1 & 2 Dress rehearsal @10am – Grandparents welcome**

**Y6 to St Kath's to see their production**

**Carols Round the Tree after school**

**Tues 12 Dec – Year 1 & 2 Nativity @10:15am and 2:15pm**

**Wed 13 Dec – Christmas Dinner**

**Thurs 14 Dec – Class Christmas Parties**

**Fri 15 Dec – Last day of Term 2, Christmas Jumper Day. Mrs Atkins last day as Head of Nova Primary School**

**Tues 2 Jan 2018 – Inset day - school closed**

**Wed 3 Jan – First day of Term 3. Mrs Morris and Mrs Thorpe are the school's new Head and Deputy.**

**Wishing both all the very best in their new roles.**

## Christmas Post Box

For the final two weeks of term our Christmas post box will be set up. Children who wish to send Christmas cards can post their cards in the post box when they get to school. The post will be delivered to each class every day. Please make sure that the addressee's name AND class is written clearly on the envelope so that the 'posties' can sort the deliveries easily.



## Attendance & Punctuality

I would like to remind you that all the classroom doors open at 8:35 and that school begins at 8:45. Arrival after 8:45 incurs a late mark, and after 9:00 an unauthorised absence for the morning.

The Parent/Carer Forum were consulted about how the school can improve attendance in their last meeting. Their valuable insight means the school will be doing even more to encourage children to be in school. One action will be to send families a reminder of their children's attendance figures three times a year and what may happen as a result. The Leadership Team are also working on a helpful guide for families to provide clarity and understanding. For example, did you know that the school can administer medicines if prescribed by your GP? We have challenging targets for attendance at Nova and we need your commitment and support to achieve them.

## Attendance winners

Congratulations to the following children who had 100% attendance last week. We hope you enjoyed your tea party with Rob.

Year 1	Reggie & Ava
Year 2	Konstantina & Vibusha
Year 3	Finleigh & Blessing
Year 4	Michal & Joshua
Year 5	Andre & Lucas
Year 6	Jack S & Jacob

## Well done Nick

Many congratulations to Nick from Morph class who competed in the North Bristol cross country finals. This is the first time anyone from school has qualified for the regional final. He came 70<sup>th</sup> and kept going despite injury. Keep it up at secondary school next year Nick.

## New Deputy's Visit

Yesterday, our new deputy head, Mrs Helen Thorpe, visited school to work with the leadership team on the School Improvement Plan. I know many of you spoke to her first thing on the gate. Now you have been able to put a face to the name! I am sure the new team and the work of the school will go from strength to strength in 2018.

