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Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are hurtling through term 6 and it seems hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the school year. Schools always seem to aim for a less busy June and July, but it never works out that way. There are still plays, trips, sports days and assessments to do and transition takes a lot of organising and consideration. Teachers are busy writing reports and evaluating children's progress, often in their own time, so please bear this in mind- it can often feel like staff are spinning plates!

I have some exciting news with regards to the school site. In the summer holidays, we will be beginning the mammoth task of renovating the school hall. This will eradicate the damp and musty smell and give us smart new walls and blinds. The floor will be done during October half term and we will purchase new chairs. In addition, during a week in October, the Year

Dates for your diary

We know how important it is to be able to plan in advance. We will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible with school events.

Bristol Term Dates for 2017 – 2018

Mon 4th June to Tues 24th July
2018*

*School will be open for children on
Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July

One building, which looks a little drab and isolated, will have a fantastic new outdoor area complete with learning zones, a covered workspace and even a stage! Each zone will be surrounded by artificial grass and we know this work will have a huge impact on what Year One staff can offer. Thank you to Mrs Ferns and Mr Pepper for organising this work.

I do hope you received the email about some of the transition events this term. We are well aware that moving to a new class can be a difficult time for some children, but rest assured there is a great deal of thought that goes into making the changes as stress-free as possible. I look forward to informing you of new teachers on Monday 2 July.

Enjoy the various events this term. I can't wait to see you all at the summer fair and sports days, and with discos, talent shows and even a 'Wrong Trousers Day', I know the children are going to have a fun-packed end to the school year! Do check the 'dates' section- I know how hard it is to keep up with everything schools do.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris
Headteacher

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL BE
CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING
INSET DAYS 18/19**

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Inset Day 1 & 2

Mon 3rd & Tues 4th Sept 2018

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Inset Day 3

Monday 7th January 2019

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Inset Day 4

Friday 5th April 2019

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Inset Day 5

Friday 24th May 2019

**Bristol Term Dates for 2018 –
2019**

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Term 1

Mon 3rd Sept to Fri 26th Oct 2018

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Term 2

Mon 5th Nov to Fri 21st Dec 2018

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Term 3

Mon 7th Jan to Fri 15th Feb 2019

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Term 4

Mon 25th Feb to Fri 5th April 2019

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Term 5



Tues 23rd April to Fri 24th May 2019

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Term 6

Mon 3rd June to Tues 23rd July
2019

Other Useful Dates:

PTFA Summer Fayre

23rd June

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KS1 Sports Day

26th June

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KS2 Sports Day

29th June

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New Reception 2018 Entrants

Teddy Bear's Picnic

6th July

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KS1 Reserve Sports Day

10th July

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Parent/Carer Forum

12th July @ 9.15am

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KS2 Reserve Sports Day

13th July

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PTFA Summer Disco

13th July

-
Reading Celebration

16th July @ 2.30pm

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Year 5 & 6 Performance

19th July 2.00pm & 6.00pm

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New Class Moving Up Afternoon

20th July

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Year 6 Leavers Assembly

23th July @ 10.00am

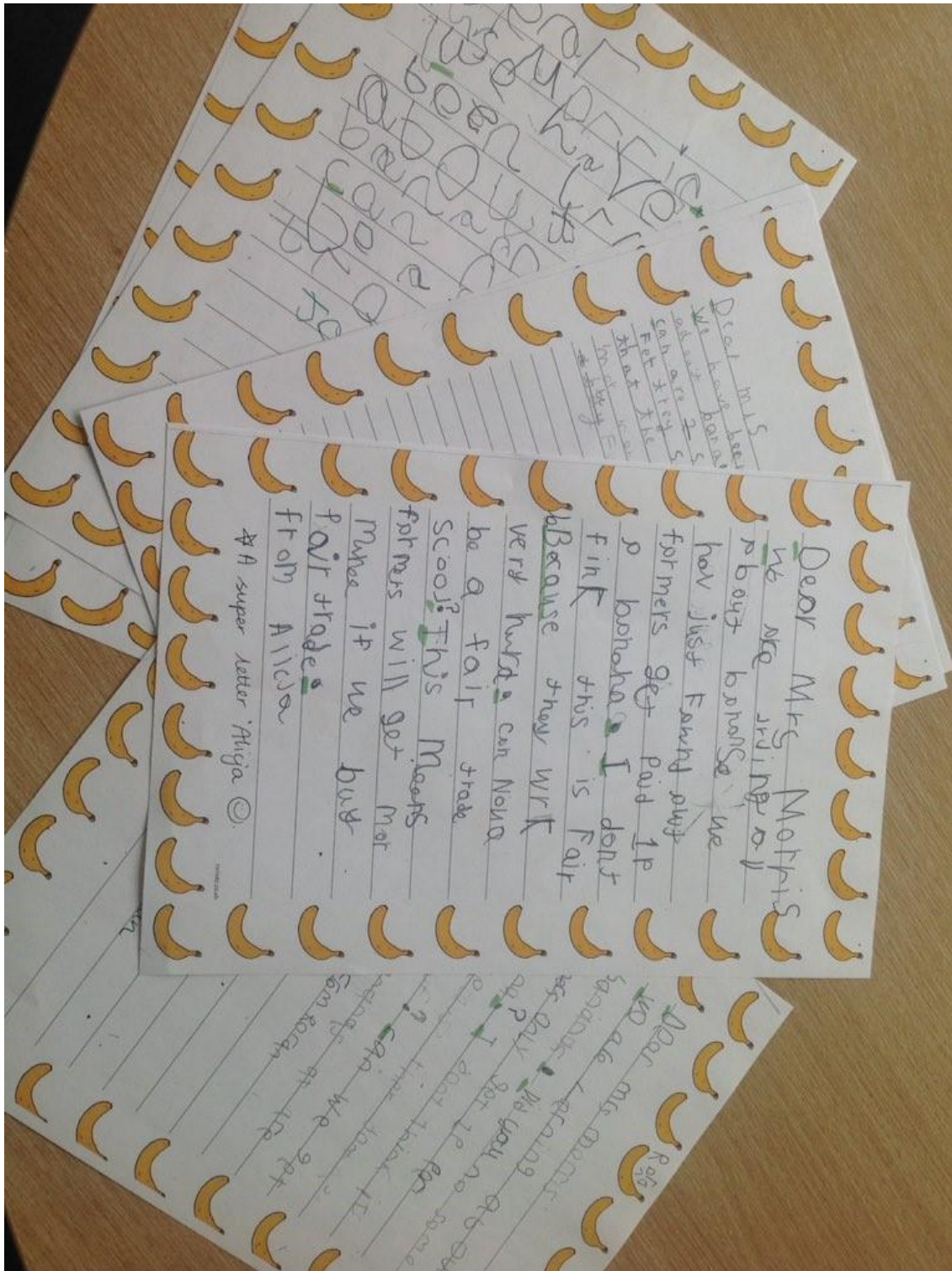
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Nova's Got Talent

23rd July

CURRICULUM AT NOVA

Term 6 is to be filled full of interesting learning, focusing on children learning valuable skills through their geography themed line of enquiries, including 'Are we responsible for natural disasters?' and 'Where is most beautiful, North or South America?'

It has been lovely to see children writing with purpose about topics close to their hearts! For example, in EY children have written letters to tell people why they shouldn't kill sharks and in Year 1, children have written to Mrs Morris to explain why we should buy Fairtrade fruit in school, after learning about how banana farmers are treated. In Year 2, children have learnt about how plastic is harming our ocean and so have written letters to persuade people not to use plastic straws.



Year R have been taken over by some very friendly pirates! They left us a message in a bottle and a real treasure map! We have been very busy writing letters back to the pirates and hiding our own treasure. We are on the lookout for the sneaky pirate 'Blackbeard' and have written some codes on our maps so that only we can read them.



Year 2 children have also been busy problem solving in maths and creating ocean underwater scenes.



Year 3 have been learning all about geometry in maths. They've learned terms such as vertical, perpendicular, parallel, right angle and horizontal and scouted around outside to see what examples they could find of shapes and lines around our school grounds. They have also been learning how to

write playscripts. After acting out some scripts to understand how a script is set out, they wrote their own scripts, making up some great plays!

LO: to write an accurate play script
 Tuesday: 12th June 2018

Scene 1
 Characters: Granny ♦ Sam ♦ Chloe ♦ Emily

Granny: (Knock! Knock! Knock!) (Granny answers the door) Hello Sam. (Happily)

Sam: Hello Granny. Are you having a nice day so far?

Granny: Yes I'm having a lovely day. Can you go and get some sugar from Aldi?

Sam: Yes. What sugar?

Granny: Normal sugar! (Angrily)

(Sam headed off to the shop) (Quickly)

(ring ring ring ring ring ring)

Granny: Hello Chloe.

Chloe: I'm at your house with Emily. (Excitedly)

Granny: Ok. I'll see you in a minute.

Chloe: I see you. Hello Granny.

Emily: Hello Granny. Are you having a nice day?

Tuesday 12th June 2018
 LO: to write an accurate play script
 Characters: Lemming 1-20 Grizzly

Scene 1: Grizzly's house

(Grizzly is hungry)

Grizzly: I need some salmon and watch telly. (Chungling)

(But the Lemmings have other ideas)

Lemming 5: Hi Grizzly! (Chappily)

Grizzly: Grr! (Angrily)

Grizzly: That's Great, there isn't any salmon so I'll have some Donuts.

(Suddenly Lemming 14 hits the telly)

Lemming 14: Sorry Bearhead! (Mischievously)

Grizzly: Shut it!

(The Lemmings fly out the door with the sugar)

Scene 2: In the Air

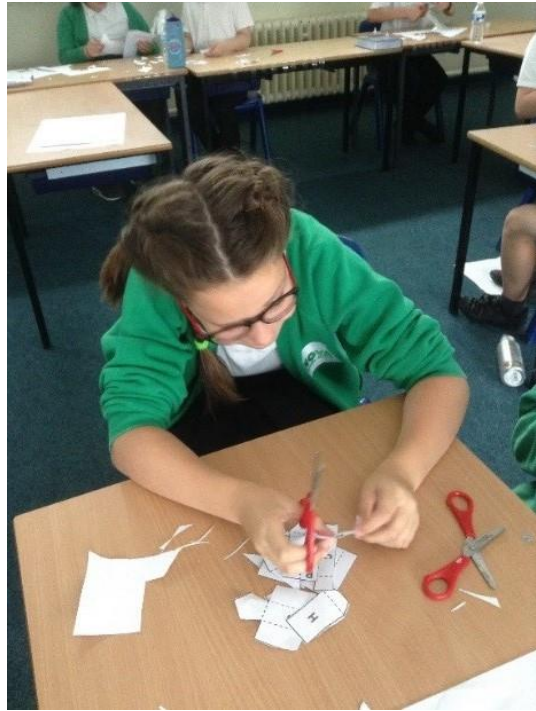
Grizzly: I'm gonna get those bad boys. (Chappily)

Lemming 20: Ahoy! Fat bear! (Chappily)

Year 4 - Mr Parry has been delighted with the effort children put into their projects about World Cup countries. They presented with passion and knowledge. A big thank you to parents for your continued support with your children's learning at home! It really does make a difference.



Year 6 have also had a great start to Term 6. They have started rehearsals for their upcoming play 'Darwin Rocks'; investigated problems involving shapes and their properties; and are looking forward to many exciting activities. Keep an eye out on Twitter for pictures of our Victory Garden being planted!



Of course, we always welcome parent/carer helpers - you may have a skill or interest that could really enhance the children's learning and we would love to see you.

MEET THE TEAM



Name: Alison Young

Role: Reading Recovery Teacher

The best part of the role:

Being able to see the children grow in confidence in their reading.

Hobbies:

Yoga, swimming, diving, clarinet, piano and travelling. My most exciting experience recently was snorkelling and seeing a humpback whale with its baby. They swam by very closely.

Favourite book:

Goodnight Mister Tom

Favourite quote:

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

Experience:

I have been teaching since 1985. I have worked as a Class Teacher and KS2 Music Co-Ordinator in Dorset, North Somerset and Bristol before training as a Reading Recovery Teacher 9 years ago.

OTHER NEWS

PTFA Summer Fayre

The PTFA Summer Fayre is this Saturday (23rd June) from 12.00 - 3.00pm. There will be lots for everyone to enjoy including a raffle with some incredible prizes.



The poster for Nova Primary's Summer Fayre features a decorative border of small icons. At the top is the Nova Primary PTFA logo, a tree with colorful leaves. Below it, the text reads "Nova Primary's SUMMER FAYRE" in a colorful, bubbly font. The date and time are "Saturday 23th June 2018 12-3pm". The main text says "Come along to our annual summer fayre we have Stalls, Games, Raffle, Tombola, Face painting, BBQ, Sweets, Drinks, Candy Floss & more!". Below this are several small images representing different stalls: a popcorn bucket, a table with a chair, a fruit basket, and a "FACE PAINTING" sign. At the bottom, the school's name and address are listed: "Nova Primary School, Barracks Lane, Shirehampton, Bristol, BS11 9NG".



The poster for the Summer Raffle features a central title "Summer Raffle" in a green, sans-serif font. Above the title are logos for "TeamSport", "NOVA", and "Avon Valley Railway". Below the title, a list of prizes is provided: "Photo Shoot: Clifton Photography worth £179.00", "Two Bristol Ravens Tickets", "Family Pass to Avon Valley Railway", "Go Karting Voucher", "2 Tickets For Cattle Country", "Aqua Voucher worth £20.00", "Family Pass to Court Farm", "Family Pass for Bristol Ferry Boats", "Family Disc Golf Voucher for the Mendip Centre", "Grand Pier Weston Annual Membership", "2 Metal Garden Chairs with cushions", and "Tickets to Wild Place". Below the list, it says "And many more.....". At the bottom, it reads "We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fayre where the draw will take place". The poster is surrounded by various logos of sponsors and partners, including "Cattle Country Adventure Farm Park", "Mendip", "Bristol Ferry Boats", "Clifton Photography Company", and "Wild Place".

Choir

At the start of this term, our Nova school choir took part in a fantastic singing event at the Colston Hall run by Bristol Plays Music. They performed as part of a 3000 strong choir made up of Bristol school choirs. Mrs Thorpe has been delighted with the dedication the children have shown at Choir club each week and thought the children sang with great enthusiasm on the day. We are proud of our super singers!



Summer Reading Challenge

Help Nova Primary have more children reading over the Summer Holidays by joining the Summer Reading Challenge. It's FREE!

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

MISCHIEF MAKERS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

Libraries across the UK are getting ready to launch Mischief Makers the [Summer Reading Challenge™](#), run by independent charity [The Reading Agency](#).

For 2018 the theme is Mischief Makers, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the much-loved comic Beano. Mischief Makers will celebrate adventure, friendship, reading and fun and is a must for all children who want to live in the moment and be themselves.

Across the school summer holidays, Mischief Makers will introduce young readers to a variety of Beano characters, in an exciting reading challenge through Beano Town!

Each year the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) to children is simple. They're encouraged to read six or more library books of their choice – fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books just as long as they are borrowed from the library – during the holidays. There are smelly stickers to collect, plus a certificate & medal for every child who completes the Challenge! Children can sign up at their local library and all materials are absolutely free!



Your local library opening times are:

Avonmouth

Monday, Wednesday 10am-2 pm

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 1-3 pm

Thursday, Sunday CLOSED

Shirehampton

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1 – 3pm

Thursday, Saturday 10am – 2pm

Sunday CLOSED

Officially Being Brilliant

Nova is officially an Outstandingly Happy School, according to organisers of The Art of Brilliance!

Paul from the Art Of Brilliance Project (AOB) visited both Y5 classes earlier in the month to find out from pupils and staff how they had spread key messages; choosing to be positive; understanding their impact (on others); and have bouncebackability (from setbacks and difficulties).

Blaise Castle and Kingsweston classes talked eloquently about the various projects that they had undertaken: 2%er Team, Facebook Videos and working with families at Parent's Evening, along with their ideas for the future, which include spreading the AOB message throughout the school and into the local community.

Here is Miss Menday and the pupils with Paul Field receiving a banner to commemorate their achievements.



Lost Property

Could we please remind you to ensure that your children's items of clothing and belongings are labelled clearly please? This helps children be independent and responsible with their property. At the end of term lost items will be sorted and anything without a name will be put outside on tables for collection. Anything not collected will be put in our clothing charity

bin.



Contact details for Shine are:

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SHINE AT NOVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

YOUR PROGRAMME FOR TERM 6

	3:30 - 4:45 pm For all ages
MON	Gymnastics Club
	My Time
TUE	Cookery Club
	Cricket Club
WED	Dodgeball Club
	My Time
THU	My Time
	Ball Skills
FRI	Multi Sports Club

Snack & Chill runs from 4:45 - 6pm EVERY DAY except Friday

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We're looking forward to Term 6 and we are excited to announce that our new website is now live.

You can book and find out everything we have on offer @ MyShine.co.uk

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