



Nova Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back to Nova Primary

It has been a super start to the new school year. The children have returned with smiles on their faces and all seem to be very proud of growing a little older and moving up a year group. So far not one child has turned up at their old classroom, although I notice a couple of parents have been confused occasionally! An especially warm welcome to all those children and families who have joined us for the first time, whether in Reception or in other year groups across the school. I know you will have an enjoyable, rewarding journey through our school.

We have many exciting experiences and learning opportunities planned for this year, building on our successes of last year. These you will learn about as the year progresses. However, let me remind you that elections for class representatives for our school councils take place next week (Friday 22nd Sept) so this weekend is the last chance for children to put together a manifesto if they wish to stand. Parents, you can help your child with ideas and the presentation which could be a poster, something on the computer or just a speech.

Our four councils are:

School Council – fundraising for charity and the school, focusing on children's rights and how to improve our school and being ambassadors to show our school off.

Health and Wellbeing Council – working to ensure all of us are safe, happy and healthy.

Curriculum Council – this is a new council and will focus on teaching, learning and the curriculum, helping to plan special learning events.

Eco Council – looking after the school environment and ways to reduce energy and resource consumption.

Our school councils last year were brilliant. The children elected had a great understanding of the role and were very responsible. Can we improve on last year's achievements? I am sure we have a lot of children keen to try.

Dates for your diary

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

Inset day 2 - Monday 30th October 2017

Inset day 3 - Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Inset day 4 - Monday 19th February 2018

Inset day 5 to be decided

Fri 22 Sept – Brunel class trip

Mon 25 Sept – Cabot class trip

Tues 26 Sept – Morph class trip

Wed 27 Sept – Banksy class trip

Wed 18 Oct – HARVEST

Fri 20 Oct – Last day Term 1

Mon 30 Oct – Inset day 2, school closed

Tues 31 Oct – Term 2 begins

Wed 1 Nov – Parents' Evening

Thurs 2 Nov – Parents' Evening & Individual photographs

Wed 8 – Fri 10 Nov – Year 6 Residential Visit

We have a vacancy for an SMSA (School Meals Supervisory Assistant). The post will be to work with one of our KS1 classes providing play activities and care during the lunch hour. The rate of pay is BG2 £16,303. This equates to £8.45 an hour. The post is for 5 hours a week. Please see the school office for an application form if interested. The closing date is **Wednesday 20th September** with interviews on Friday 29th September. Don't delay, apply today.

Behaviour at Nova Primary

Behaviour at Nova Primary is very good. Children are keen to learn and enjoy the many opportunities on offer at our school both inside and outside of the classroom, including after school clubs. We are often complimented on their good manners on school trips and the way they politely greet visitors and hold doors open for them.

However, there are times when children occasionally are involved in low level disruption and prevent other children from learning. When this happens they now spend a short amount of time in our Rights Reflection room where they are able to think about their behaviour, carrying out a learning task until they are ready to return to the classroom. If this happens repeatedly you will receive an email informing you of their behaviour so that you can talk to them and help them to succeed in behaving brilliantly. You will receive an email straightaway, for more serious 'red slip' incidents.

In addition, we have created a wonderful new room called the Beach Room where social and emotional interventions can take place. The work here will be led by Rob, our Learning Mentor. This is the brainwave of Mrs Morris who has been the driving force behind it.

School trips

These are a very important part of our school curriculum. We aim to have around 3 trips for each year group. Some are local trips that the classes can walk to and some are further afield. Years 6 and 4 have already agreed on their first trips of the year. In order for these trips to take place, we need between 2 and 4 parents to help to ensure we have the correct ratio of adults to children for safety reasons. Please do volunteer to help in order for these trips to take place.

After School Club - OOSC

Many parents need after school care for their children so why not make use of the Out Of School Club which runs from 3:15 until 5:45pm each night in the Food Technology room. The cost is £8.50 a session to include all activities and snacks. Ad hoc use is available and can be booked up till midnight the night before. For further details go to www.oosc.co.uk or call 07342 329737 or email katew@oosc.co.uk

Cycling to School

It is great to see so many children cycling or scooting to school. Since our return to school it is good to note that most children have dismounted from their bikes and scooters at the school gates and walked them to the cycle sheds. This is important with the amount of parents and children arriving at our school gates now. Thank you for your support with this.

Punctuality Punctuality is very important. School begins at **8:45am** but our classroom doors open at **8:35am** and children go into class for Early Bird Reading and Start the Day consolidation activities.

Lessons begin at **9am**. Children arriving late often feel embarrassed and miss vital learning. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn. If your child arrives after 9am, they will be marked as late after registration. If you receive 8 of these marks in a 10 week period you will receive a fixed penalty notice of £120 per parent or child.

A baby boy....and.....

Just to let you know, Mrs Whitaker, our Year 6 teaching assistant had a little boy in the holidays. She has named him Finn and is over the moon. He is gorgeous.

Mrs Glanville, our Year 2 teacher in Concorde class, will be going on maternity leave in February. Many congratulations Mrs Glanville. We will be appointing someone to take over in the near future but until then, it's full steam ahead of course.