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# Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

**NOVA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe we are nearing the end of Term 1. When time goes so quickly, it is hard to take stock of what has been achieved. Children have settled into their new year groups and judging by the amount of amazing learning that is being brought to Mrs Thorpe and I, they are getting on really well.

Teacher and TAs have been working hard to keep to our 'Thirty Day Pledge', to meet and greet each day and to use recognition at all times- to notice those children who are going above and beyond! I hope many of you have enjoyed the postcards staff have sent home, and maybe you have received a positive phone call. We are all working hard to show how much we appreciate children's efforts to achieve their personal best in their learning and in being amazing role-models for all members of the school community. Look

## 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 2018 – 2019

### Term 1

Mon 3rd Sept to Fri 26th Oct 2018

### Term 2

Mon 5th Nov to Fri 21st Dec 2018

### Term 3

Mon 7th Jan to Fri 15th Feb 2019

### Term 4

Mon 25th Feb to Fri 5th April 2019

out for our first, termly 'Above and Beyond' winners this week. They will take pride of place in our gold frames in the entrance area.

Our new Pledge was decided by staff last week and will be introduced to the children over the next few days. We will be focusing on how we move around the school:

Smart walking  
Quiet talking  
Hands by your side  
Feel Nova Pride!

There is no doubt that staff and children have worked extremely hard over the last few weeks. Teachers will be sending home their own advice for children to help them settle into the new term and it would be lovely if you could share it with them over the break. We want to build on successes and hit the ground running!

Please don't forget to book your parent/carer consultation using our new on line system. Appointments are on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to talk about parenting, behaviour or Special Educational Needs, Mr Bacon and Rob will also be available for timeslots.

I do hope you enjoy the last week of term and the half term break.

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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

**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

#### **Other Useful Dates:**

#### **Parent Consultations**

6th & 7th November

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#### **Poppy Art Exhibition**

9th November @ 3.00pm

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris  
Headteacher



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**Parent Forum**

16th November @ 9.00am

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**Children In Need Day**

16th November

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**PTFA Disco**

7th December

KS1 @ 4.00pm

KS2 @ 5.30pm

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**Reception Nativity Dress**

**Rehersal - Grandparents**

**Welcome**

10th December @ 10.00am

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**Reception Nativity**

10th December @ 2.00pm

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**Y1 & Y2 Nativity Dress Rehersal**

11th December @ 2.00pm

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**Y1 & Y2 Nativity**

12th December @ 2.00pm

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**Snow White Pantomime**

(for children)

13th December

This year we have launched our new Nova 'LEARN' Curriculum with new exciting line of enquiries to explore throughout the year. You can find more information about our Nova curriculum on our school website at

<http://novaprimaryschool.co.uk/learning/curriculum/>

'Lessons from the past' is the theme for terms 1 and 2 so that each year group can develop their historical knowledge and skills. Staff have worked hard to plan meaningful and memorable learning opportunities for the children.

**Year 1** have been busy learning about the people who help us now (firefighters, police and nurses). We are now focusing on people who have helped us in the past. Our main focus over the next few weeks is Florence Nightingale. Year 1 received a letter asking them to help a Museum gather as many facts about her as possible. We have also been learning about our bodies and how we keep them healthy.

Here are some pictures of us working together to label the parts of our body (e.g. head, arms, legs)

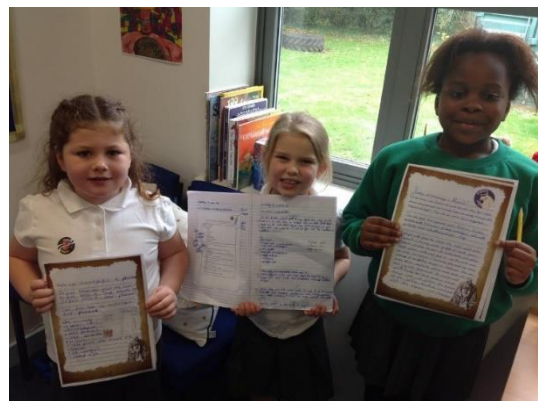


**Year 2** children have been singing and playing 'London's Burning' and have enjoyed writing a news report called 'The Great Fire of Nova'!





As part of our time travelling journey, **Year 3** have now landed in Ancient Egypt. We have learnt about mummification and put this into practice by mummifying a tomato. We have been achieving our personal best and developing quality through editing in our writing. Here are some detailed and informative instructions on how to mummify. Amazing writing!



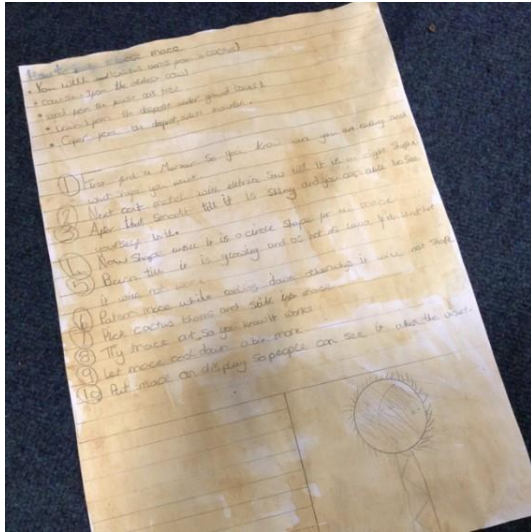
**Year 4** have been learning about what life was like for the Romans. Children have made their own shields, designed and tested catapults to discover which would propel objects the furthest and they wrote their own non-chronological reports based on gladiators and Roman life.



**Year 5** have been learning about Viking traditions. They have created art work based on Viking beliefs, made tasty Viking snacks and created Viking trinkets from clay to ward off evil! They have also been writing instructions on how to make a hero's weapon.

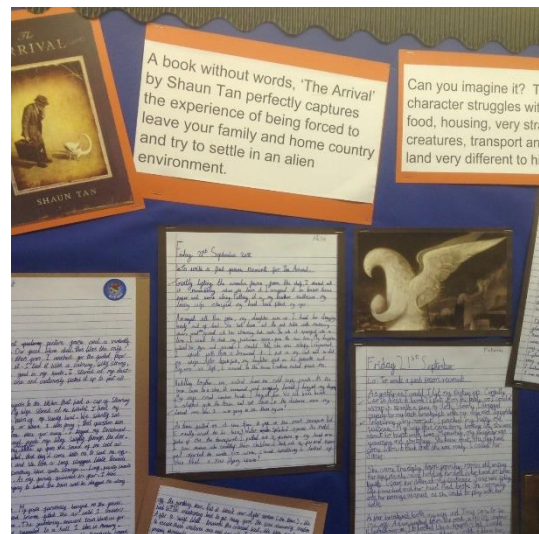






**Year 6** have read the wordless book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan and produced writing in role as a 'Windrush generation' migrant. Our children have produced superb artwork, using pencil and collage on the theme of migration.

On Thursday 25th October 2018, 60 Year 6 children from Nova Primary will be spending the day on board MV Balmoral, working with Bristol-based Education Services provider My Future My Choice and Bristol Community Radio Station, Ujima Radio. Historic England will attend and have consulted on the project. The day will be the culmination of this term's Year 6 topic 'Whose footsteps do we follow in?'



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 hear from you.

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## MEET THE TEAM



**Name:** Julie Pickett

**Role:** Higher Level Teaching Assistant

### The best part of the role:

Seeing the children thrive, grow and progress with their learning and encouraging them to be happy & confident throughout their years in my class and school.

### Hobbies:

My family & friends, running & roller skating, scuba diving & watching Bristol rugby & eating chocolate!



**Favourite book:**

Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

**Favourite quote:**

'The only difference between a bad day and a good day is your attitude'

**Experience:**

This is my 7th year at Nova and I am now working in Year 3 after working in Year 1 for the past few years. At my previous school I worked over all year groups & also taught one to one supporting a child with special education needs.

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**OTHER NEWS**

**Learning Committee**

Our Learning Committee, taking the place of previous years' school council, has an important role in helping us improve our curriculum and the learning opportunities for children at Nova.

Our committee is made up of 1 representative from each Key Stage 2 class as well as an additional member from each Year 6 class who are responsible for collecting the views of their classmates on key school issues and putting plans into action.

Mrs Thorpe was delighted to receive so many high-quality applications to be part of the Learning Committee. Members held their first meeting yesterday to make plans for Children in Need and Remembrance Day which you can read below.



## Remembrance Day

### Community event:

We are working with members of our community to help commemorate WW1 centenary by creating a mural of poppies on The Green in Shirehampton which will be on show from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of November. To take part, children will be able to paint a poppy during lunchtimes between Monday 5<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. To do this, we are going to be upcycling plastic bottles and are in need of bottles which have 5 'bumps' on the end. Please do send in any suitable bottles which we can use for this community project.



#### In School event:

The Learning Committee have decided to create a 'Poppy Art Exhibition' around the school. On Friday 9th November between 3.00pm and 3.30pm, you are invited in to your child's classroom to view their creations. Artwork will also be displayed in windows around the school to celebrate Remembrance Day.

#### **Children in Need Day**

We will be celebrating Children in Need Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The theme this year is 'Spotacular!' Our Learning Committee have decided that to raise money:

- We will be selling Children in Need items (bear handbands, keyrings and wristbands) after half term
- Children can wear something spotty or colourful for a £1 donation
- We will be holding 'The Great Nova Bake Off' with the theme of 'Bears, spots or colour!'
- There will be prizes for the best fancy dress in each class and bake off winners

Look out for posters around the school of these events. Reminders and details will also be emailed nearer the time.

### **Health & Wellbeing Committee**

This is the first meeting of the Health And Wellbeing Committee, with representation from across Key Stage 2.

Our main item of discussion was how to plan for the year ahead. After talking through the role of a committee: to find out information and make recommendations to Mrs Morris and the Senior Leadership, we have decided that the best way to identify priorities would be to conduct a whole-school Wellbeing Survey, which Committee members will administer. Committee members will also publicise the survey by making posters for the classes.

We hope to have prepared the questions for the Wellbeing Survey by the end of this term, so we can go to classes by the start of next.





### Year 1 Outside Area

The new facilities outside the Year 1 classrooms have been a real hit! Teachers have loved starting to plan a wider range of activities and the children's faces were an absolute picture when they saw the finished work. Typically, the rain stopped play for a few days last week, but the children are already reaping the benefits. Here are some of their comments:

"I can't wait to plant flowers in the bench!" Milly

"I love it out here!" Logan

"I love the planting bit. I'm going to bring my gardening tools to school." Amelia

Many thanks to Nisbets, the catering equipment company based in Avonmouth who contributed £2500 towards the construction of the area.



## Sporting League Tables

Our netball and football teams have been taking part in some fixtures this term in the local leagues. Here are the league tables as they stand.

### **Football - Premiership**

	Games Played	Points	Goal Difference
Elmlea	3	9	+12
St Ursula's	2	4	+2
WOT	3	4	0
Stoke Bishop	3	4	-1
Bishop Road	3	3	0
St Bons	2	1	-4
Shirehampton	2	0	-9

### **Football - Championship**

	Games Played	Points	Goal Difference
Brenty	2	6	+5
St Bernards	2	6	+2
Henbury	2	4	+1
Horfield	2	3	+4
NOVA	1	3	+3
Little Mead	1	3	+1
Stoke Park	2	1	-4
Long Cross	1	0	-1
Westbury Park	1	0	-1
St Johns	2	0	-2
Bank Leaze	2	0	-8

### **Netball**

	Games Played	Points	Goal Difference
Elmlea	2	6	+9
St Ursulas	2	6	+6
Little Mead	2	6	+4
St Bons	2	6	+3
WOT	2	4	+1
NOVA	2	3	+4
Westbury Park	2	3	+1
St Teresas	2	1	-4
Horfield	2	0	-4
Bishop Road	2	0	-5
Henbury Court	2	0	-6
Shirehampton	2	0	-9

## **Congratulations!**

We had a big surprise on Monday morning when Mr Bacon and Miss Soper announced that they had got married over the weekend! We are sure you will join us in wishing them every happiness for the future. What wonderful news to end the term on!

## **School Meals Supervisory Assistant Vacancy**

We require a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to work with either our KS1 or KS2 children. You will be assigned a class and be able to build good relationships with both the children and the class teacher. You will work as part of a team to deliver high quality play activities and care during the lunch hour.

The role is for 5 hours per week paid at the Bristol Grade 2 rate of £16,303 FTE which equates to £8.75 per hour.

We are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS (formerly CRB) check is required for the successful applicant.

The ability to converse at ease with members of the public and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post

For an application form please email the school ([nova.p@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:nova.p@bristol-schools.uk)) or contact the school office. The closing date for applications is Friday 9th November @ 10.00am.



Contact details for Shine are:

07932 873476

[info@myshine.co.uk](mailto:info@myshine.co.uk)





## CLUBS RUNNING AT YOUR SCHOOL

15:15 - 16:45

**MON**

My Time

Reception - Year 6

**TUE**

Archery & Kurling / Reception - Year 6

Shine Cookery Club / Reception - Year 6

**WED**

Gymnastics Club / Reception - Year 6

My Time

Reception - Year 6

**THU**

Mini Football Club / Reception - Year 2

My Time

Reception - Year 6

**FRI**

**£2**

per session

Multi Sports Club

Reception - Year 6

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- BREAKFAST CLUB – BEFORE THE START TIME
- AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – BEFORE 10:00 ON THE DAY
- HOLIDAY CLUB – BEFORE 08:00 ON THE DAY



### SAFEGUARDING

SHOULD A CHILD ARRIVE FOR AN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY WITHOUT BEING BOOKED, THIS MEANS THEY WILL NOT APPEAR ON OUR REGISTER AND THEREFORE WE CANNOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT CHILD. HENCE, OUR POLICY WILL BE TO RETURN THE CHILD TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

THE FULL SET OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS CAN BE FOUND AT  
[MYSHINE.CO.UK/TERMS-AND-CONDITIONS](http://MYSHINE.CO.UK/TERMS-AND-CONDITIONS)

IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS ANY OF THESE CHANGES PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL US ON 01174 033 033 OR [INFO@MYSHINE.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@MYSHINE.CO.UK). OFFICE HOURS: 08:30 TO 18:15 MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

[MyShine.co.uk](http://MyShine.co.uk)

We're looking forward to Term 2 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](http://MyShine.co.uk)

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