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# Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

**NOVA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful couple of weeks at Nova. The children have been so excited about Christmas and it really is the best time of year to be part of a school community.

Reception Kicked off the festivities with a gorgeous Nativity that reminded us all about the true meaning of Christmas. They sang their little hearts out and it was impressive to hear so many of the children narrating the play!

Year 1 and 2 gave us a play with a different slant; The Night Before the Night Before Christmas was a funny and poignant reminder that money isn't everything, and that Christmas is about love and family. Mr Dicker wrote the play himself and we are hoping he won't be off to Hollywood anytime soon!

The plays were an opportunity for us to collect for the homeless charity 'Emmaus' who help to reintegrate homeless people into the

## 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 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

### Term 5

Tues 23rd April to Fri 24th May 2019

community. We raised a brilliant £304.31 which will really help to make a difference. We also collected £307.95 on Christmas Jumper Day.

On Thursday of last week, children were treated to a pantomime version of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Some of them were actively involved in the storytelling and this made it even more fun. May we send a big thank you to our supply agency, 'Hays', who made a significant donation towards the cost of this event.

This week the children enjoyed their parties and a fabulous Christmas dinner! The kitchen staff really outdid themselves and it was so lovely to see staff working together to serve the children.

Carols around the Tree was a real treat for us all. The choir, consisting of adults, children and staff, wowed us with their harmonies and enthusiasm. The hall felt like a cathedral and Mrs Young played the piano beautifully as always. Another thank you must go to the Co-op in Shirehampton who donated the Mince Pies. It is really appreciated! I hope you enjoyed the backdrop of wreaths from our annual class challenge. The theme was 'music' and the standard was particularly high! Well done to SSGB and Cabot who were judged winners of the competition.

Finally, a big thank you for all the cards and gifts that you have so generously given staff.

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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 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:**

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**Parent/Carer Forum**

17th January 2019 @ 9.15am

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**Parent Consultations**

13th & 14th March 2019

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**Mothers Day Sale**

28th & 29th March 2019

Your recognition of the hard work teachers, teaching assistants and support staff do means a great deal.

We will see you on Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup>- don't forget that school is closed for an INSET day on the Monday. Enjoy the photos below and have a wonderful, magical Christmas and New Year.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris  
Headteacher



## CURRICULUM AT NOVA

There have been lots of meaningful and memorable learning opportunities for children this term, including performances, plays and trips across the school! Please read on to find out some learning highlights.

Teachers have also been busy planning new and exciting line of enquiries for next term which will be launched in January.

You can find more information about our Nova curriculum on our school website at <http://novaprimaryschool.co.uk/learning/curriculum/>

**Reception** this term, have have been learning about the Nativity and we put on a show to be proud of! We helped make the set and spent lots of time practising our lines and songs. Our teachers were really proud of how confident we were on stage and we had a great time. We have also enjoyed a fantastic pantomime performance of Snow White. This inspired us to create story maps, retell the story through role play and solve number problems through the seven dwarfs.

We have wrapped up warm and been learning in our woodland area. We have LOVED being able to explore the environment and the wildlife there. We have been working in a team to build weather proof shelters!



**Year 1** have learnt all about their heroes. We finished the term with a fantastic performance of our Hero Choir and gave out our handmade medals, which we made during DT lessons, to those that are special to us.



**Year 2** - this term, we have been finding out all about the lives of the Victorians and how their inventions helped change the world. To recognise the invention of the telephone, we made string telephones to communicate with each other across the playground. Who knew such simple things could entertain the children for so long?! We have also played some Victorian outdoor games and made a cup and ball game, writing an explanation text to explain how to use it.



**Year 3** - last week, we went to visit Bristol Museum as part of our Line of Enquiry. We wanted to get an idea of how a museum is set out, so that we could create our own museum in school to share our learning with our school community!



**Year 3** opened their museum yesterday afternoon to parents and some lucky children to share their wonderful knowledge of the Egyptians and Stone Age. It was a huge success and they received positive feedback from all who came! Well done Year 3 team!





**Year 4** - this term we have continued to learn about the Romans. To end the topic we have been designing, editing and making our own Roman inspired pottery!



**Year 4** - there was an amazing turnout yesterday afternoon for Year 4's pottery workshop for parents! Thank you to all who came.



**Year 5** - have been creating Vikinology books for the school library full of their knowledge of this fascinating Historical period. We have also been investigating 'How big is 1 metre squared and can you estimate and measure the area of large spaces around school?'



**Year 6** finished off their Line of Enquiry with an investigation into how bird beaks have adapted over time in order to aid survival and reproduction. We sketched fossils using soft, dark 4B pencils.



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:** Kelly Barnes

**Role:** LSA/SMSA

### The best part of the role:

Being involved in the daily achievement of all Nova Primary pupils.

### Hobbies:

Horse Riding and watching my son's play football

### Favourite Book:

Anything written by James Patterson

**Favourite quote:**

"Life doesn't require that we be the best only that we do our best"

**Experience:**

Prior to working at Nova Primary I worked in a solicitors as a Legal Assistant dealing with small claims.

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**OTHER NEWS**

**Above and Beyond Stars**

Yesterday, Mrs Morris and Mrs Thorpe enjoyed celebrations with this term's 'Above and Beyond' award winners. They shared their achievements, played some party games and prepared their photos for the golden frames in our school entrance. We are so proud of these children for their positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning.

True Nova Stars!



## Sports Leagues Update

### Football - Premiership

	Games Played	Points	Goal Difference
Elmlea	8	19	+14
WOT	8	15	+5
St Ursula's	7	13	+4
St Bons	8	13	-4
Stoke Bishop	8	8	+1
Bishop Road	8	6	-5
Shirehampton	7	3	-16

### Football - Championship

	Games Played	Points	Goal Difference
Brentry	6	18	+15
St Johns	5	9	+9
Little Mead	4	9	+4
NOVA	4	9	+2
St Bernards	5	9	0
Stoke Park	5	7	+2
Westbury Park	5	7	+2
Horfield	5	6	+6
Henbury	5	4	-8
Bank Leaze	5	1	-17
Long Cross	5	0	-15

### Netball

	Games Played	Points	Goal Difference
St Ursulas	4	12	+29
Elmlea	4	12	+22
St Bons	4	12	+18
St Teresas	4	7	+7
Horfield	4	6	+3
NOVA	4	6	+1
Little Mead	4	6	-8
WOT	4	4	-1
Westbury Park	4	3	-15
Bishop Road	4	1	-6
Henbury Court	4	1	-13
Shirehampton	4	0	-34

## Pantomime

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Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Play





Contact details for Shine are:

07932 873476

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

The children have started their decoration of the Nova Shine Board! The children are drawing around and decorating a cut out of their own hands to create a display. All done in My Time with Danielle after school. We hope to see you there.





## CLUBS RUNNING AT YOUR SCHOOL

8 JAN, 2019 - 15 FEB, 2019

**MON**

Street Dance Club / Year 1 - Year 6

My Time / Reception - Year 6

**TUE**

Dodgeball Club / 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

**SNACK & CHILL RUNS EVERY DAY AT 16:45 - 17:55  
EXCEPT FRIDAY**

**BOOK ONLINE OR  
CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION 01174 033 033**

**BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BEFORE 12.00 ON THE DAY**

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