

[View this email in your browser](#)

Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wet and windy start to term 6 it has been! Janet, our Lead Learning Mentor has been really excited to try out new lunchtime arrangements, and unfortunately, this included wet playtimes. When the weather is finer, children no longer have to endure lengthy queues or 'sittings' and have much longer to play outside as a result. The noise and busyness in the dining hall has dramatically decreased and I feel that this is particularly beneficial for children who find such situations anxious and stressful. Impressively, the children have shown they can be trusted to take themselves out to play when they are ready, and they are also showing that they are quite capable of scraping their own plates! Because things are running so much more smoothly, we need less adults in the dining hall too, which means we have better supervision on both playgrounds,

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 6
Mon 3rd June to Tues 23rd July
2019

Other Useful Dates:

-
PTFA Summer Fayre
22nd June 2019
-

with each SMSA in an assigned zone. There are sporting or other activities in each zone, and this week, we are beginning to improve the play areas with markings and equipment.

Wet plays have a system too - the children can choose from games and drawing in one of their year group classrooms, or a quiet movie in the other. This really helped last week!

Playtimes are always tricky in schools, but we are committed to ensuring children have time to socialise, play and relax on their terms. May I take this opportunity to thank Janet and the lunchtime staff for working so hard to make things better, and may I also extend a warm welcome to Miss Powell, who recently joined the team!

Nova has plenty more developments to share with you over the next few months. One of the key priorities will be supporting parents. You will notice further down this newsletter that Janet and Rachel Vaughan, our new SENCO and Inclusion Lead, are hosting a coffee morning this term - please do come a long and meet them, to find out more about their roles and how they can support you and your families.

I am also very pleased to inform you that we will be hosting 'Incredible Years' weekly parenting classes, starting on

KS1 Sports Day

25th June 2019

-

KS2 Sports Day

28th June 2019

-

KS1 Sports Day Reserve

2nd July 2019

-

Parents Coffee Morning

3rd July 2019

See below for more information

-

KS2 Sports Day Reserve

5th July 2019

-

Reading Celebration

9th July 2019

-

New Classes Transition

Afternoon

16th July 2019

-

Y5/Y6 Performance

16th July @ 10am & 6pm

-

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

22nd July @ 10.00am

-

Nova's Got Talent

22nd July

Tuesday 10th September, with the last session on Tuesday 17th December. Some of you will have completed this brilliant course at other settings, but there is always a great demand for places. The course is suitable for any parent or carer who is keen to develop their understanding of child development and how the strategies that we use to support children's communication, social and emotional needs can make a massive difference. If you are interested in registering on the course, please telephone the office and leave your name and your children's names. Places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis and crèche and refreshments will be provided for each two-hour session; lookout for a coffee morning later in the term at which you will be able to meet the course facilitators.

On a final note, please take time to notice the new Safeguarding at Nova posters around the school. If you have ANY concerns about a child or young person, please let myself, Janet or Miss Vaughan know, either in person or by emailing the school as soon as you can. It is vital that we support each other in ensuring our wonderful Nova pupils are safe, happy and ready to reach their full potential.

With kindest regards,

**Bristol Term Dates for 2019 –
2020**

-

Term 1

Mon 2nd Sept 2019 to Fri 25th Oct
2019

-

Term 2

Mon 4th Nov 2019 to Fri 20th Dec
2019

-

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan 2020 to Fri 14th Feb
2020

-

Term 4

Mon 24th Feb 2020 to Fri 3rd April
2020

-

Term 5

Mon 20th April 2020 to Fri 22nd May
2020

-

Term 6

Mon 1st June 2020 to Mon 20th July
2020

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL BE
CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING
INSET DAYS 19/20**

-

Inset Day 1

Monday 2nd September 2019

Anna Morris
Headteacher



-
Inset Day 2
Tuesday 3rd September
-
The other 3 Inset days to be
scheduled

CURRICULUM AT NOVA

This term children are continuing learning through their Line of Enquiries. 'What a wonderful world!' is the overarching theme where children across the school will be developing their geographical and scientific skills and knowledge in particular as well as developing an appreciation of the diversity of life.

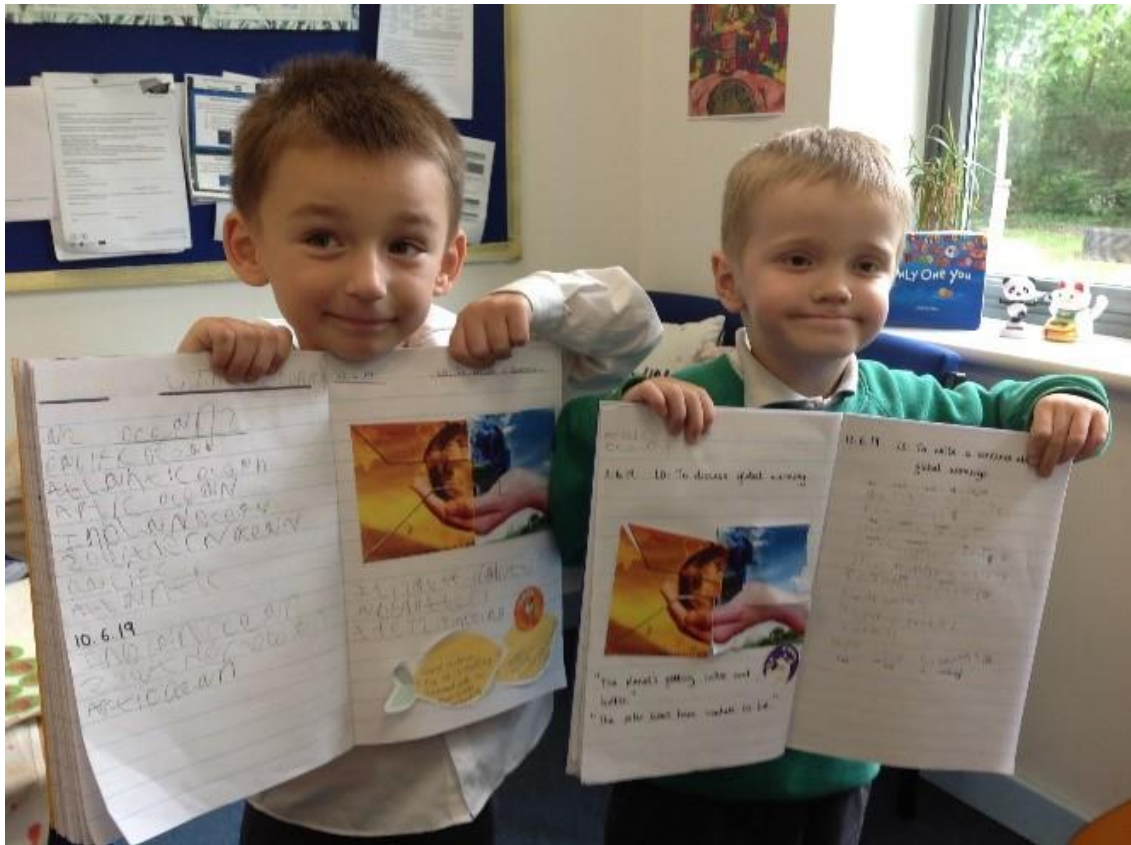
You can find more information about our Nova curriculum on our school website at <http://novaprimaryschool.co.uk/learning/curriculum/> or on class pages.

Year R - Scientists in reception have been busy learning about plants including labelling and observing changes!



Year 1's Line of Enquiry is 'Why is water precious?'

Year 1 children have been discussing and writing about the impact of global warming on our planet!



Year 2's Line of Enquiry is 'What makes Africa amazing?'

Year 2 have been making comparisons with African lifestyle. Through this they designed their own African necklaces and tasted fruit that grows in Africa too. Year 2 have a trip to The Downs on Friday 12th July to learn about the habitats of native mammals and compare them to African habitats.



Year 3 's Line of Enquiry is 'Why should we care about the environment?'

Year 3 have been learning about food chains with lots of child led discussion and problem solving!



Year 4's Line of Enquiry is 'What's the most important thing about chocolate?'

Year 4 have been creating information posters about Fairtrade after learning about cocoa farmers' lives.



Year 5's Line of Enquiry is 'What makes planet Earth unique?'

Look at this super model of a solar system these children created for home-learning! Yesterday, Year 5 were visited by 'One tree per Child' to learn about the importance of trees and identify trees on our school site. We then visited a newly planted local woodland.



Year 6's Line of Enquiry is 'How can life be celebrated through animations?'

Y6 have created some spectacular 'A Monster Calls' movie clips complete with quotes from the book and eerie sound effects!



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.

MEET THE TEAM



Name: Janet Green

Role: Lead Learning Mentor

The best part of the role:

Continually helping children become the best that they can be!

Hobbies:

I love spending time with my family. I also enjoy reading and going for the (occasional) run!

Favourite quote:

"Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn."

Benjamin Franklin

Experience:

I have worked in Education for 18 years in a variety of roles before joining Nova

OTHER NEWS

Class Teachers for September 2019

To help aid transition, we are pleased to inform you of your child's teacher next year. The Senior Leadership always give a great deal of thought to this and consider many different factors when making this decision.

You will notice a few changes, with three new teachers joining the team: Miss Owen, Mr Deeney and Miss Cuthbert. We are very much looking forward to getting to know them over the next academic year.

We are saying goodbye to some familiar faces too. Mr Dicker is relocating to London and we will greatly miss the positivity he has brought to the school over the last couple of years. Mr Kilcoyne has also secured a job out of Bristol and we will be sad to lose such a strong and dedicated teacher. Miss Scott is leaving to travel the world and we know that she will have many exciting stories for when she returns to teaching. We wish them all the very best of luck and thank them for their contributions to the Nova school community.

As always, there will be a chance for the classes to meet their new teachers on the afternoon of Tuesday 16th July. You will need to collect your children from their new classrooms and we will make sure they let you know where to be! There are other individualised and group transition activities occurring as well- we know it can be an anxious time for children and families.

EY	Wallace Kelly Bacon	Gromit Laura Winter
Year 1	Matthew Francesca Owen <i>Previously Wallace</i>	SSGB Lauren Catchpole <i>Previously Gromit</i>
Year 2	Rolls Royce Jess Gordon & Camilla Broster <i>Previously SSGB</i>	Concorde Kelly Clarke <i>Previously Matthew</i>
Year 3	Goram Sam Walker <i>Previously Concorde</i>	Vincent Jen Glanville & Alison Goodwin <i>Previously Rolls Royce</i>
Year 4	Brunel Jonathon Deeney <i>Previously Goram</i>	Cabot Hannah Shelton <i>Previously Vincent</i>
Year 5	Kingsweston Emma Cuthbert <i>Previously Cabot</i>	Blaise Dympna Leonard <i>Previously Brunel</i>
Year 6	Banksy Lauren Menday <i>Previously Blaise</i>	Morph Cath Foote <i>Previously Kingsweston</i>



Parents and Carers of Children with Additional Needs

You are invited...!

- Come and join other parents and carers to meet the new SENCo (Special Education Needs Co-ordinator) and Lead Learning Mentor
- Enjoy a drink and a chat amongst other parents and carers
- An opportunity to learn a little about SEN provision at Nova Primary school and how to access support

When and where?
Wednesday 3rd July at 9:10am
in the dining hall at
Nova Primary School



Rachel Vaughan
SENCo



Janet Green
Lead Learning Mentor





Nova Primary PTA
Working together for our children

Nova Primary's



Saturday 22nd June 2019 12-3pm

Come along to our annual summer fayre we have Stalls, Games, Raffle, Tombola, Face painting, BBQ, Sweets, Drinks, Candy Floss & more!



Nova Primary School, Barracks Lane, Shirehampton, Bristol, BS11 9NG

Foodbank Information

We recognise that changes in benefits, low employment and the cost of living are having a real impact on families and their ability to make ends meet. Did you know that you can obtain North Bristol Foodbank vouchers from the school? Just let Janet or Mrs Morris know in person or by contacting the school office and we will be happy to help. The foodbanks in our area run in the following locations:

10:00am until midday at:

Monday, St Andrews Church Avonmouth

Wednesday at Hope Chapel in Hotwells

Thursdays at Lawrence Weston Baptist Church

Friday at Emmanuel Chapel in Henbury

VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY

We are still looking, please let anyone know who may be interested in this type of job, NOVA needs a new School Crossing Patrol. Would you be interested in supporting your school community on route to and from Nova Primary School? This is a school term time only role and is a paid position, you are paid for ten hours per week term time. The hourly rate is £9.37. Full training and uniform will be provided.

You will need to be a good communicator with an ability and understanding of working with the general public.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Frances Dansie on 07500120320 or by email frances.dansie@bristol.gov.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.





Contact details for Shine are:

07932 873476

info@myshine.co.uk



SHINE POTTERY CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY

15:15 - 16:45



- ★ RECEPTION - YEAR 2
- ★ QUALIFIED CERAMICIST TO LEAD CHILDREN IN THIS ENGAGING AND CREATIVE CLUB
- ★ THE CHILDREN WILL LEARN A VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES TO CREATE ARTWORKS TO BRING HOME
- ★ THE CHILDREN WILL PRACTICE THEIR SKILLS TO MAKE ARTWORKS ACCORDING TO DEVELOPING THEMES THROUGHOUT THE TERM

BOOK ONE OR MORE SESSIONS ONLINE AT MYSHINE.CO.UK
MY SCHOOL : NOVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

BRISTOL
ACTIVE CITY

Childcare
Vouchers

MyShine.co.uk

DBS
CHECKED

Ofsted

Shine My Time

Shine try and make sure that there is something for everyone at After School Club, we know not everyone likes sports, so MyTime offers a 'bit of everything'. The Shine staff ensure there is lots to do for the children, they might want to play with Lego, go outside and play in the playground, do some homework, arts and crafts or just sit quietly and read, the choice is theirs.

My Time runs every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday until 4.45pm.

All Shine clubs are here: <https://www.myshine.co.uk/activity/my-time---nova-2>

We hope to see you there!



SHINE MY TIME

EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY
& THURSDAY

15:15 - 16:45



- ★ YEAR 2 - YEAR 6
- ★ A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO CHOOSE FROM
- ★ BOARD GAMES & PUZZLES
- ★ CONSTRUCTION KITS & LEGO
- ★ ART & CRAFTS
- ★ OUTDOOR FREE PLAY

BOOK ONE OR MORE SESSIONS ONLINE AT MYSHINE.CO.UK
MY SCHOOL : NOVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

BRISTOL
ACTIVE CITY

Childcare
Vouchers

MyShine.co.uk

DBS
CHECKED

Ofsted

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

Follow Us on Twitter and Facebook



New to the School and Would like a Prospectus?

[Click Here](#)




 [Twitter](#)

 [Facebook](#)

 [Website](#)

 [Email](#)

 [Share on Facebook](#)

 [Share on Twitter](#)

 [Forward via Email](#)

Copyright © 2019 All rights reserved.

You have received this email because you have asked to be kept updated with news and other information from Nova Primary School.

Our mailing address is:

Nova Primary School
Nova Primary School
Barracks Lane
Shirehampton, Bristol BS11 9NG
United Kingdom

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).