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# Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

The summer holidays are but a distant memory and our Nova pupils are immersed in their Lines of Enquiry, class texts and other curriculum projects. It has been amazing to see some of the home learning that has already been produced and the way children are engaging with our assembly themes. We have been exploring what makes us and the world special, and I have been particularly taken aback by the passion some of our children have for protecting the environment. Maybe we have our very own Greta Thunberg waiting to stand up and be heard.

A new academic year always brings some changes and as always, the children have taken to them well for the most part. As you are no doubt aware, 'behaviour' is a big part of our school improvement strategy this year. School and lessons can be a very real challenge for some children and it is vital that we strike the right balance between supporting

#### 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 2019 – 2020

Term 1 Mon 2nd Sept 2019 to Fri 25th Oct 2019

Term 2

individuals, but sending a clear message that poor behaviour will not be tolerated. I must thank Janet and Mrs Risley (previously Miss Vaughan!) for their incredible hard work in setting up a wide range of interventions and provision for children who need them. Our new 'Rowan Room' is a wonderful space for younger children to develop their learning and social skills and the 'Secret Garden' is a sensory space for children to engage with tactile and playful activities, learning to express how they feel and become less anxious about the world.

In addition, we have various intervention groups running. These groups tackle many different social and emotional issues such as coping with loss and learning to manage feelings of anger. The world can be a scary place for young people and Nova is committed to doing all we can to prepare them for the challenges they face, today and in the future.

At the start of term, you will have received our revised behaviour policy, which sets out clear consequences for children who are deliberately disruptive, unsafe or unkind to others. Of course, positive reinforcement is more important than anything and the children still love our special Nova postcards, their class recognition boards and the opportunity to be selected as the week's 'Nova Star', with the extra treat of attending 'Hot Chocolate Friday'.

On another note, I would like to thank you all for respecting the new office arrangements that were put in place at the start of term. Keeping children safe and calm is our most important job and the reception area is now much less frantic and crowded! Please 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

Inset Day 2 Tuesday 3rd September

Inset Day 3 Monday 6th January 2020 can I urge you to drop off and collect your children ON TIME as poor punctuality is inconvenient for staff and disruptive for children.

We have a fantastic, positive team at Nova who work incredibly hard to make your child's education as memorable and successful as possible. Your support is essential for this and we look forward to celebrating your children's progress this year.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris Headteacher Inset Day 4 Friday 3rd April 2020

Inset Day 5 Monday 20th July 2020

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

Parents & Carers of children with additional needs coffee morning 9th October @ 9.00am

Sponsored Read 11th - 18th October See below for more details

Y6 Camp Meeting for parents/carers 17th October @ 3.30pm

Y3 Stone Age Bazaar -Bristol Museum Visiting 23rd October

Y6 Bristol Fest (more details to follow) 24th October @ 2.30pm

Y4 Roman Villa Museum 24th October @ 2.50pm Parents/carers invited!



Parent Consultations 23rd & 24th October

Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop 13th November Children invited to dress up as a character or fire!

Y2 Fire Brigade Visit 15th November

Christmas Jumper Day 13th December

Carols Around the Tree 16th December @ 3.30pm

> Christmas Lunch 17th December

Pantomime for all pupils 20th December

# **MEET THE TEAM**



# The best part of the role:

Being a big kid and getting to play all day! I also love seeing children's confidence and independence grow when learning outdoors.

Hobbies:

I love baking, hula hooping, live music, art projects

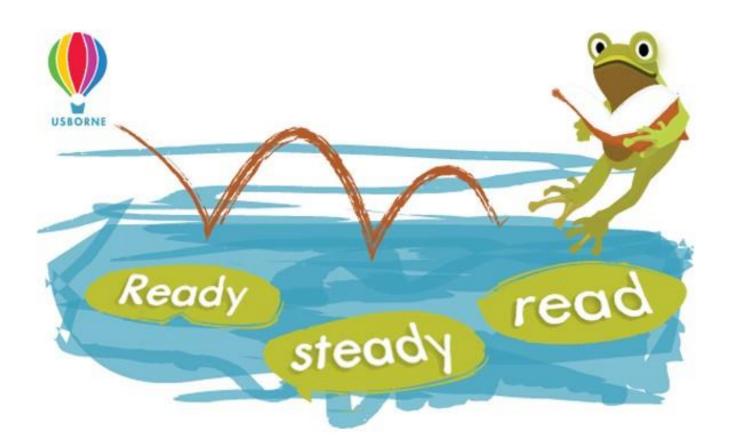
## Favourite quote:

"If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely"

# Experience:

I completed a 4 year teaching degree, specialising in Early Years. My first year of teaching was in Liverpool in a Reception class. Having relocated back to South Wales, I enjoyed 2 years of supply teaching until I joined Nova in 2017 where I have loved being back in my own classroom with my lovely Reception classes.

# **OTHER NEWS**



To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a sponsored read between **11<sup>th</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> October**.

The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Organiser, Kerriann Coleman, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school.

In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. So for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words!

If you are able to support our sponsored read, you will have been given a sponsorship form for your child. A reading log, to record the minutes they have spent reading, will be given to them in class.

After the sponsored read, please send all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school by **22<sup>nd</sup> October.** 

Cheques should be made payable to Nova Primary school.

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.



# School Meals Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

We require a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to work with our children across our lunchtime from either 12.00pm to 1.00pm or 12.30pm to 1.30pm. You will carry out a range of duties both in the dining hall and outside on either the KS1 or KS2 playgrounds. You will be able to build good relationships with both children and class teachers. 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 £17,364 FTE which equates to £9.00 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 (<u>nova.p@bristol-schools.uk</u>) or contact the school office.

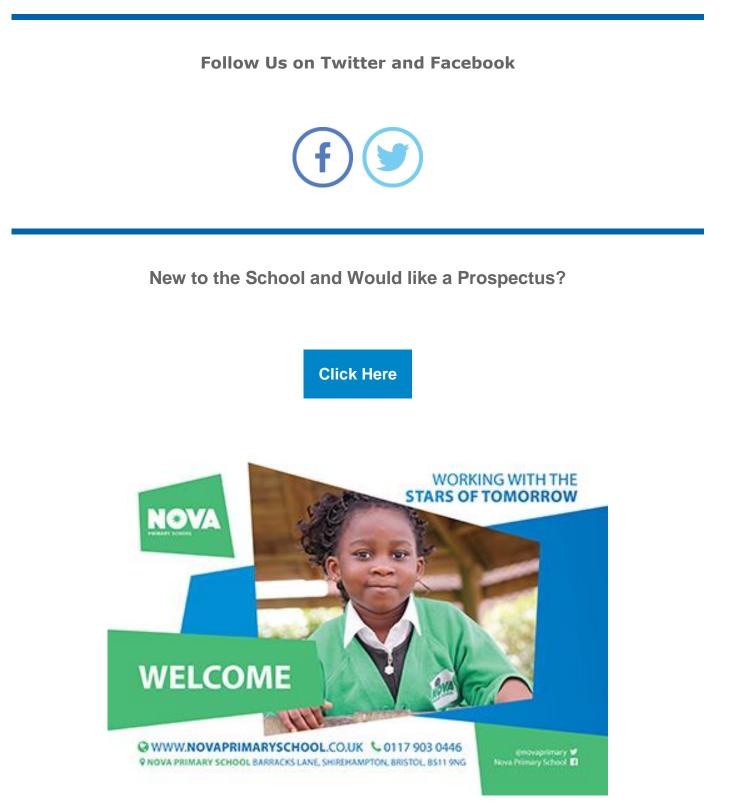
We would also be interested in hearing from people who don't want to commit to a permanent role but would be interested in working on a casual basis.

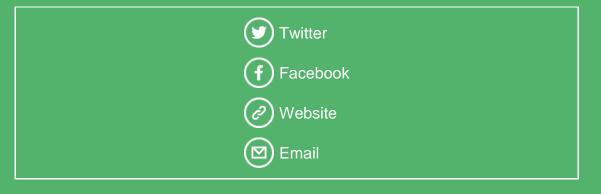


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