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Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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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

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

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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

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Term 3

Mon 6th Jan 2020 to Fri
14th Feb 2020

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Term 4

Mon 24th Feb 2020 to Fri
3rd April 2020

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Term 5

Mon 20th April 2020 to Fri
22nd May 2020

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Term 6

Mon 1st June 2020 to Mon
20th July 2020

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

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Inset Day 1

Monday 2nd September
2019

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Inset Day 2

Tuesday 3rd September

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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

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Inset Day 4

Friday 3rd April 2020

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Inset Day 5

Monday 20th July 2020

Other Useful Dates:

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

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

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

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Y3 Stone Age Bazaar - Bristol Museum Visiting
23rd October

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

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



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Parent Consultations

23rd & 24th October

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**Y2 Great Fire of London
Workshop**

13th November

Children invited to dress
up as a character or fire!

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Y2 Fire Brigade Visit

15th November

-
Christmas Jumper Day

13th December

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Carols Around the Tree

16th December @ 3.30pm

-
Christmas Lunch

17th December

-
Pantomime for all pupils

20th December

MEET THE TEAM



Name: Laura Winter

Role: Reception Teacher

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 **11th October and 18th 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 **22nd 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.



Parents and Carers of Children with Additional Needs

You are invited...

- We are lucky to be welcoming a special guest speaker for our coffee morning this term:

Kate Hale from Bristol Supportive Parents will be speaking about the sorts of support that they offer.



What a great opportunity for us as a school to have an individual session with Kate within our community!

- Come and join other parents and carers for an opportunity to share some great ideas and have a coffee or tea 😊

When and where?

Wednesday 9th of October
at 10am in
Nova Primary School



Rachel Risley
SENCo



Janet Green
Lead Learning Mentor



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 (nova.p@bristol-schools.uk) 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.



Contact details for Shine are:

07932 873476

info@myshine.co.uk



CLUBS RUNNING AT YOUR SCHOOL

THIS TERM

15:15 - 17:00

MON

Outdoor Adventure / Reception - Year 6

My Time

/ Reception - Year 6

TUE

Cookery Club / Reception - Year 6

Multi Sports Club / Reception - Year 6

WED

Gymnastics Club / Reception - Year 6

My Time

/ Reception - Year 6

THU

Football Club / Reception - Year 6

FRI

£2
per session

Multi Sports Club

/ Reception - Year 6

**TERM 2 CLUBS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING
ON 17TH OCTOBER**

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The graphic features a central photograph of a young girl with dark curly hair, wearing a green school uniform jacket over a white collared shirt. The background of the photo is a blurred outdoor setting. The graphic is overlaid with several text and logo elements:

- NOVA PRIMARY SCHOOL** logo in a green box at the top left.
- WORKING WITH THE STARS OF TOMORROW** in blue text at the top right.
- WELCOME** in large white text on a green banner across the bottom left.
- Contact information at the bottom: **WWW.NOVAPRIMARYSCHOOL.CO.UK**, **0117 903 0446**, and **NOVA PRIMARY SCHOOL BARRACKS LANE, SHIREHAMPTON, BRISTOL, BS11 9NG**.
- Social media handles **@novaprimery** and **Nova Primary School** with icons for Twitter and Facebook at the bottom right.



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