

Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is so incredibly busy, with Christmas and a wide variety of curriculum events, that schools can lose sight of what really matters. Luckily, Nova staff and pupils are extremely gifted at reminding you and I have been overwhelmed over the last two weeks. On a daily basis, children show kindness; they regularly ask if they can write postcards for others and our celebration assemblies showcase achievement, but also kindness and appreciation. They often mention their friends and teachers, but they also share how grateful they are to their families and people in their community.

Staff have also shown how wonderfully kind they are and I would like to remind you about our community Christmas hampers. Staff and local businesses have dug deep, and we have a mountain of food and other items to share with those who may need a little help to make Christmas really special. Please nominate any families or individuals that you think may benefit and help us to help make a

difference.

As if that wasn't enough to make you feel festive, a Nova pupil from Year 5 is also doing something really special and is collecting a range of gifts to donate to Above and Beyond, the children's hospital charity! He has already received items from many local shops and businesses and he would like to ask if you would be able to help and donate a gift. We will then take him to deliver the items to The Children's Hospital at the end of term. Here is a list of the items he is collecting:

Playdough (tubs not kits)
Magic Sand & Gloop/slime
Mobilo
Superhero cape & mask
DVD's all ages (new film only)
Portable DVD player
Wii Switch Games
Multi Phone Chargers
Board Games - All ages
Card Games – All ages
General play toys – all ages
Lego
WWE Figures
Toy Story – Not Mr Potato Head
Superhero Figures
Big box Felt tips
Earphones
Adult colouring books
Bubble Bath / make up for teenagers
Earphones
Baby Doll Set
Crayons
White card
Etch a sketch
Rubix cubes
Memory Games

Many of these items can be bought from budget shops and we would dearly love to help make as many children, who are stuck in hospital for the festive season, feel as happy and cared for as possible. Items can be left at the school office or classrooms, and will be collected and stored in my office.

Giving can make all the difference at Christmas. It improves wellbeing and morale for everyone and helps to evoke the true meaning of Christmas.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris
Headteacher



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

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

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Inset Day 3

Monday 6th January 2020

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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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Year 1 Heroes Choir

6th December

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KS1/KS2 PTFA

Christmas Disco

6th December

KS1 4pm - 5pm

KS2 5.30pm - 6.30pm

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**Reception Christmas
Concert & Market Stalls**

11th December - 10.30am

- 11.30am

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**CLOSED FOR POLLING
STATION**

12th December

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Christmas Jumper Day

13th December

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Reception Stay and Play

13th December until 10am

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Year 5 Vikingology

books presentation

Friday 13th December @
2.45pm

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Carols Around the Tree

16th December @ 3.30pm

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Christmas Lunch

17th December

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Pantomime for all pupils

20th December

MEET THE TEAM



Name: Jen Glanville

Role: Year 3 Teacher

The best part of the role:

Getting a big smile and a "good morning" from my class everyday.

Hobbies:

Reading, walking, family time

Favourite quote:

"You're never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream" by C S Lewis

Experience:

I studied Journalism at University but ended up working as a Recruitment Consultant. Then five years ago I made the big decision to retrain as a Primary School Teacher and have never looked back!

OTHER NEWS

Children In Need

Many thanks to all of you who baked, dressed up and were generally generous over Children in Need week. We raised a phenomenal £583.80 which will help some fantastic causes. Our beautiful pupils always give their hearts and souls to these events and they make us exceptionally proud!







Parent/Carer Questionnaire Results
November 2019

Many thanks to those of you who completed the questionnaire on line in November. This survey is incredibly useful and supports the school improvement process. We will be repeating the questionnaire later in the academic year to see if the actions we have taken have improved percentages of parents/carers who feel the school is doing an efficient and effective job.

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know/ haven't experienced/NA
1. My child is happy at Nova	84.7	11.9	3.4
2. My child feels safe at Nova	79.6	13.6	6.8
3. My child has made good progress at over the last year	83.9	9.3	6.8
4. The school makes sure that its pupils are well-behaved	67	20.4	12.7
5. My child is well looked after	85.6	10.2	4.2
6. My child has been bullied and school dealt with it quickly and efficiently	21.2	18.6	63.6
7. School make me aware of what my child will learn throughout the year	85.6	4.2	10.2
8. When I have raised concerns they have been dealt with properly	65.3	18.6	16.1
9. My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need	30.5	5.9	63.8
10. School has high expectations for my child	68.6	28	3.4
11. My child does well at this skills	78.1	3.4	16.9
12. School lets me know how my child is doing	87.2	6.9	6

Ready, Steady, Read

At the end of Term 1, we held a 'Ready Steady Read' sponsored reading event across the whole school to celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and in school.

The whole school was buzzing as children enjoyed reading everything they could get their hands on: novels, magazines, websites, comics and even packaging, over the course of just one week. They counted up minutes read and asked family and friends to sponsor them. The event, organised by former Nova Primary School teacher, Mrs Coleman, from Usborne Books, was a massive success with generous sponsorship of over £1200 from our families. Our book fair brought the total up to £1500 and Usborne topped this up enabling us to buy a whopping £2300 worth of

books for our classrooms and library!

Children taking part were awarded certificates for their effort and book prizes were given for the most money raised and most sponsors in each class. We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and support of our school community and look forward to filling up our book shelves with lots of exciting new titles.



PTFA

We'd like to tell you a bit more about who we are & what we do!

Firstly we'd like to introduce ourselves:

Carolyne West – Chair

Louise Perkins & Caroline Lovett – Co-vice chair and secretary

Becki Balsdon – Treasurer.

We also have our lovely members – Hannah Brown, Hannah Hart, Gemma Long, Faye Sage, Carley Morris & Chloe Weston.

We are mums at Nova who give up our free time to help fund raise for the school which benefits all of our children! We have a number of events over the year - discos, sales & fayre's to name a few, all of these events raise money which in turn lets us help fund things for the school. We've helped with the KS2 outdoor area, costumes for the reception nativity, microphones & speakers for the hall, school trips and help towards the Year 6 leaver's events.

We have monthly meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month at The Lamplighters @ 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining us or would just like to lend a hand at events, please get in touch novaprimarypta@gmail.com

Thank You!

Thank you to The House of Dobey in Avonmouth who have generously donated some beautiful cushions, throws and weighted blankets to the school us to use in the group room near to Year 2.

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
Football Club / Reception - Year 6

WED

Gymnastics Club / Reception - Year 6
My Time / Reception - Year 6

THU

Athletics & Running Club / Reception - Year 6

FRI



Multi Sports Club / Reception - Year 6

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

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