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Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Nova Families,

Now the children are back where they belong and the new term is well underway, Nova will resume the newsletters that you were used to before lockdown.

These will include general updates, community information, a 'staff profile' to help you get to know the team and anything else that members of the team would like included. It will be such a relief to be able to communicate about things that aren't COVID-19 related, for a change! You will also see that the lovely Smudge has her own special section.

I had the pleasure of making a

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 2020-21

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Term 1
Tues 1st Sept 2020 to Fri
23rd Oct 2020

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Term 2
Mon 2nd Nov 2020 to Fri

tour of the site on Friday with Mrs Ferns, our School Business Manager. Though the intention was to check 'bubbles' and to ensure safety standards are being met, it was such a joy to see the children so engrossed in their learning and the smiles of their very proud teachers.

We have expanded our team this year and the impact on the children is huge. Children who may be having a tricky time have the care and support they need and this enables classrooms to be more focused and calm. The children have come back to school with a real determination to do their best and maintain high standards of behaviour in class and this was so evident, on Friday.

Mrs Thorpe and I also have the considerable honour of visiting classes each Friday to celebrate our Nova Star awards of the week. It is a shame that this cannot be done in an assembly at present, but the excitement is still very much there and nothing beats the visible pride these winners show when they receive their certificate. Here are the winners we have so far

18th Dec 2020

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Term 3

Mon 4th Jan 2021 - Fri

12th Feb 2021

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Term 4

Mon 22nd Feb 2021 -

Thurs 1st April 2021

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Term 5

Mon 19th April 2021 - Fri

28th May 2021

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Term 6

Mon 7th June 2021 -

Weds 21st July 2021

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
THE FOLLOWING INSET
DAYS 20/21**

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Inset Day 3

Friday 2nd October 2020

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Inset Day 4

Monday 4th January 2021

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Inset Day 5

Monday 19th April 2021

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Inset Day 6

(Reception will begin once they are all full time):

Class	Friday 11th	Friday 18th
SSGB	Nadia	Oscar
Matthew	Fletcher	Leela
Concorde	Dooley	Venayah
Rolls Royce	Kaylen	Kian
Goram	Poppy	Darcie
Vincent	Connor	Charlotte
Brunel	Jasper	Jade
Cabot	Chloe	Hollie
Blaise	Cody	Alfie
Kings Weston	Maddison	Jack C
Banksy	Lilli-May	Amie
Morph	Ava-May	Blessing

Well done to all our Nova Stars.

All of them have gone above and beyond already this term- I wonder who will receive an award this week?

Thank you all for your support and cooperation so far this term.

One of the benefits of the systems in the mornings and afternoons at the gate is that we have seen so much more of all of our families.

Attendance is much better than we anticipated and that is thanks to you putting your trust in the Nova team and working with us so well. Despite everything, it's going to be our best year yet!

To be confirmed

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Inset Day 7

To be confirmed

Other Useful Dates:

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**Monday 5th to Friday 9th
October**

Harvest Collection for
Food Bank

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Tuesday 6th October

Year 6 Evacuee WW2

Dress-Up Day

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**Week beginning 19th
October**

Parent Consultations
Details to Follow

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris
Headteacher



MEET THE TEAM



Name: Freya Gillott

Role: Learning Mentor

The best part of the role:

I really enjoy that each day is slightly different, yet always so rewarding - I've been working with so many lovely children and I'm really enjoying supporting them to feel their best.

Hobbies:

I love drawing (especially animals) and being active: running, hiking, walking, and horse riding. I also enjoy spending time with my puppy, Luna, and two cats, Tuli and Jumbo.

Favourite quote:

Learn from the past, take ownership of the present, and create your future one decision at a time.

Experience:

I did a degree in Psychology first, and then trained as a teacher which I did for 7 years in Suffolk (where I'm from) and Bristol. I then decided to change roles, as I wanted to be more involved in pastoral support in schools.



Name: Smudge

Role: School Dog

The best part of the role:

Getting so much love and attention so that I feel like a princess!

Hobbies:

Listening to children read, chewing sticks, wagging my tail and sitting beside my favourite humans

Favourite quote:

You'll never walk alone (because I will always be with you)

Experience:

I'm still working towards my qualifications

EXCITING NEW LIBRARY NEWS!

Exciting news! Nova Primary has now got a new library! There are all sorts of new books, Fiction and Non-Fiction.



I am really excited that our new library is ready to open. Thank you to everyone who has helped organise this library. We have had such a team of volunteers, teaching staff, parents and even my family to help! We have a wide range of non-fiction, picture and fiction books. Winners of our Library Quiz can win a book token and a choice of a new book to add to our library collection.

To ensure safety children will be allocated a week when they can visit the library in their bubble.

They will be able to choose a book that they can read in their classroom.

Alison Young, Reading Recovery Teacher



I love reading and I love hearing stories. There is a quiz coming soon. Will you be able to find Wally or me in our favourite books?

LEARNING SUPPORT & WELLBEING

Nova Learning Support Team

At Nova, we have been lucky enough to employ some new members of staff who have joined our Learning Support Team. These adults will be working across the school to provide some much needed support for children's Social, Emotional and Mental health as well as supporting their learning in class.



Freya Gillott
Learning Mentor



Laura Hunt
Learning Support



Rosie Tudge
Learning Support



Matt Coiley
Learning Support



Carley Morris
Learning Support



Logan Cartwright
Learning Support

We are so happy that they have joined our already fantastic Nova team and that we are able to continue to provide this support for children in our school.

Wellbeing Website Page

Our school website has had a few new additions during lockdown. You may have noticed our new "Wellbeing" page. You will find lots of information about how we support wellbeing at our school, following the NHS 5 steps to wellbeing, including some great strategies and activities that you can use at home.

There is also a regularly updated section that can signpost parents/carers to outside agencies who may be able to offer you support for the social, emotional and mental health needs of your child and also for yourselves as well. There are lots of amazingly supportive organisations in and around Bristol that offer free or reasonably priced provision that may be useful to you. If you have any questions about anything on the Wellbeing web page, please get in touch with the office to ask to speak to the SENCo or anyone in the learning support team.

OTHER NEWS

Miss Shelton's Baby News!

We are delighted to announce that Miss Shelton had her baby boy Freddie last week. We weren't expecting Freddie to arrive just yet and Miss Shelton was working in school the day she went into labour with Freddie being born later that evening! Congratulations to Miss Shelton and her partner from all of us at Nova.



NOVA HARVEST FOOD DONATION APPEAL

Please help us with our food collection for **Bristol North West Foodbank**. If you are able to, please donate items in the crates at drop off/collection points **from Monday 5th October to Friday 9th October**.



- Items needed...
- Tinned rice pudding or custard
 - Tinned sponge puddings
 - Tinned fruit
 - Long life fruit juice
 - Milk (UHT or powdered)
 - Jam
 - Breakfast Cereal
 - Tinned meat
 - Tinned vegetables
 - Tinned fish
 - Pasta sauce or tinned tomatoes
 - Ketchup
 - Pasta or rice
 - Instant mash
 - Tea Bags/Coffee
 - Treats - chocolate etc
 - Nappies
 - Toilet roll
 - Toothbrushes & toothpaste
 - Shampoo, shower gel & soap
 - Dog & cat food



Thank you for your continued support for our community!

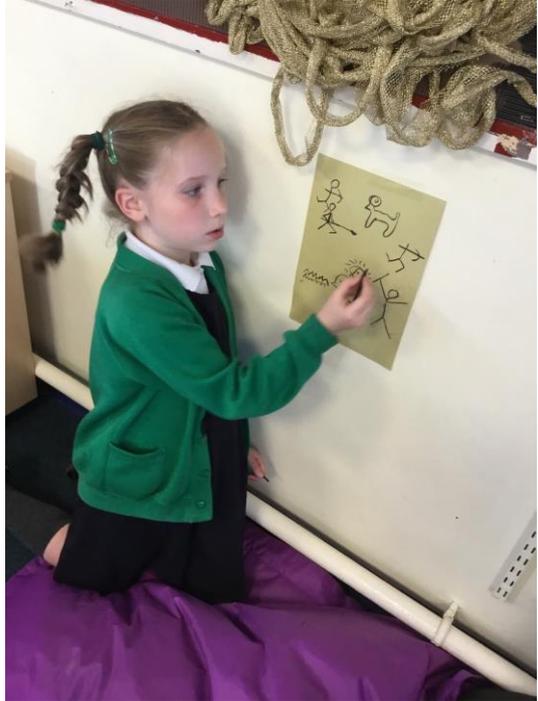
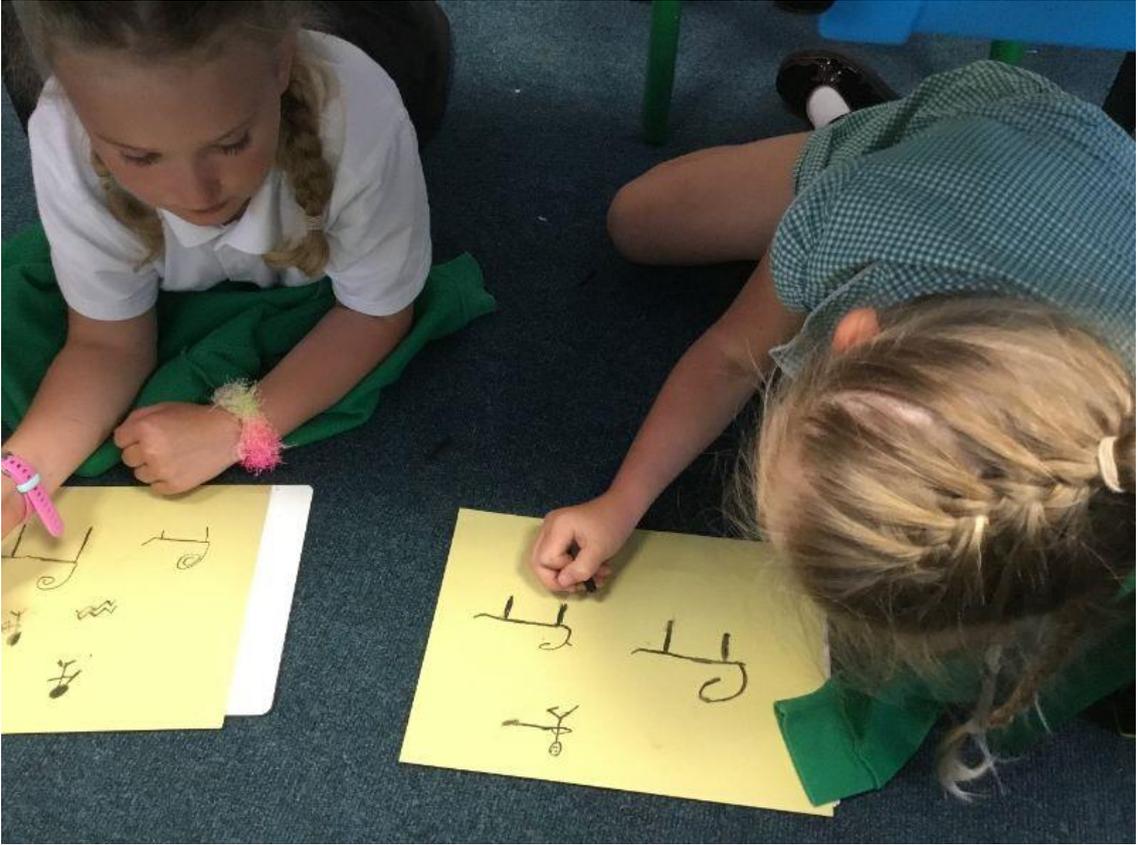
YEAR GROUP NEWS

Rolls Royce class have been busy exploring two digit numbers in maths this week. We have been using plastic straws to physically build the number, counting out how many tens and ones each number has. We have been blown away with how hard the children have been working this week. There has been some great partitioning of numbers going on and a brilliant understanding of place value. Well done Rolls Royce class.





Year 3 have immersed themselves into what it would be like to live in the Stone Age. They did some cave drawings on the walls, floors and ceilings of their 'caves'. They have also studied some artefacts and thought about how these give us clues about the Stone Age.

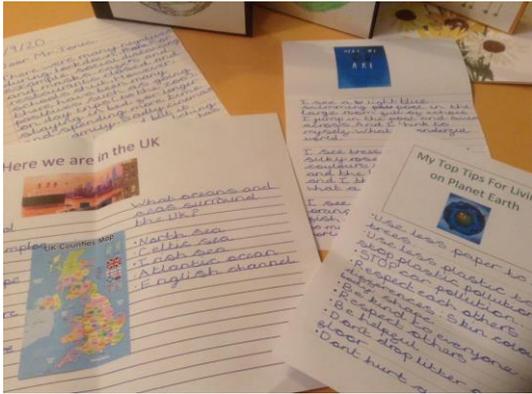


Can you spot anyone in Cabot class you know who has been transported back to Ancient Rome?



In response to the picture book, 'Here We Are', Year 5 have made wallets crammed with letters, poems and top tips for living on our planet. Now, we are researching how Viking ships were made so that we can write reports. An excellent start to the year.





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SHINE AT NOVA PRIMARY SCHOOL
YOUR PROGRAMME FOR TERM 1

PLEASE GO ONLINE TO MYSHINE.CO.UK FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

MONDAY	MY TIME - RECEPTION - YEAR 6	15:15 - 17:00
TUESDAY	MY TIME - RECEPTION - YEAR 6	15:15 - 17:00
WEDNESDAY	MY TIME - RECEPTION - YEAR 6	15:15 - 17:00
THURSDAY	MY TIME - RECEPTION - YEAR 6	15:15 - 17:00
FRIDAY	MY TIME - RECEPTION - YEAR 6	15:15 - 17:00

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PLEASE NOTE OUR 6 DAY CANCELLATION POLICY
 STARTING IN TERM 1, DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

MyShine.co.uk

Further to my letter sent earlier in the week I regret to inform you that our after school club providers, Shine, will be ceasing to run the after school club from the end of Term 1.

This is because the number of children attending is very low and as a business, they cannot sustain the club when they are running at a loss.

We are all really disappointed in the decision as providing wraparound care is very important. Therefore, I will be working closely with Mrs Ferns, our School Business Manager, to find a solution that ensures our families continue to benefit from the convenience and peace of mind of after school care.

I will, of course, keep you informed of any decisions as soon as possible, recognising your need for certainty about childcare.

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