



NOVA PRIMARY ACADEMY

ISSUE 6 • 20 JULY 2023



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our new look school newsletter, filled with information and useful dates for the diary.

If you need to contact the school please phone 01733 262696 or email office@npa.pkat.co.uk

NOVA PRIMARY
ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Message from the Headteacher

Term Dates 23/24

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

The summer term is nearly over and the end of another school year is fast approaching! School has been so busy over the last two weeks. Over the summer, work will begin on our new extension at the front of the school. This will mean changes to the way you access the school office and a separate letter will be sent out outlining the changes.



Camping Trip

This month, Year 5 enjoyed a camping trip to Wing Farm, near Rutland Water. We spent a day interacting with the farm animals; understanding their routines, care requirements and reasons for being on the farm. We also toasted marshmallows on the campfire, after learning how to create a spark (using a flint and steel) to start our own fires and then went on to make cheese using only milk and lemons! Dinner was a BBQ down on the farm followed by evening activities- many of us enjoyed playing badminton and solving the orienteering challenge. Camping in the huge bell tents provided, with our friends, in such a beautiful environment, was an amazing experience and so much fun. We really did have a great experience!



Shine Week

This is always a fantastic week in school. Children share their talents and skills in morning assemblies while others choose to audition for Nova's Got Talent. Finals were held in each Key Stage on Friday 14 June. Children sang, danced, rapped and played musical instruments. Vito from EYFS and Zayne from Year 5 were worthy winners. Huge congratulations to everyone.

Careers Day

During Shine Week children throughout school learnt about all the opportunities their future could hold.



Girls in Year 6 went to Mastercard for a Girls in Tech workshop to learn about how technology is part of every stage in their business.

Across the school, staff supported children to tackle gender stereotyping and learn about new careers and the skills and knowledge that will be required to succeed in these professions. Lots of children had very different aspirations at the end of the day than they had at the beginning and that is why starting to talk about careers in Primary school is so important.

Rocksteady

On Wednesday, children who have been taking part in Rocksteady band session had the chance to share their talents with their parents and KS2. The school hall rocked and the children were so proud to show off their new found skills.

Year 6 Leavers

We began to say goodbye to Year 6 on Tuesday with a Leaver's Service for parents in the afternoon and a star themed disco for pupils in the evening. Photos were taken in the balloon arch and there was a Nova themed celebratory cake.



This has been such a happy, successful year at Nova Primary Academy with a new school name, new logo and a new uniform. Look out over the summer and you might spot the beginning of our building project that will continue through the Autumn term.

This year we say goodbye to teacher Miss Dakin, Mrs Ould and Miss Thompson who are all moving on to teach in new schools and start new adventures. We also say farewell to Mrs Reed (Welfare Office) Mr Jackson (Learning Mentor) and Mrs Balkham (Midday Supervisor). We thank all of them for everything they have given to the school and wish them every success in their futures.

In September we welcome the following staff to Nova Primary Academy.

Mrs Jemma Simper	Assistant Headteacher/ Key Stage 1 and EYFS Lead/ Year 1 Teacher
Mrs Heather Hartley	Year 5 Teacher
Miss Georgia Kendall	Year 3 Teacher
Mrs Amelia Nelson	KS1 Teaching Assistant
Mr Alan Storer	Year 6 Teacher (Mondays)

New Meal Prices

As you are aware food prices have increased significantly and unfortunately our catering team are having to increase the cost of a school meal from September. The new cost from September will be increased to £2.50 per meal.

If you think you qualify for free school meals, please complete the link on our website and you will be informed of the result.

Milk

From September all children will be offered milk at lunch, this will replace the cartoons in the classrooms (except for EYFS, who will receive a free cartoon from the milk scheme until their fifth birthday).

To all our parents and children who are returning in September, have a safe and happy Summer. To those who are moving on, we will miss you and hope you will return to let us know how you are getting on. Remember, you have been a sky full of stars and we will always remember you.

Alma McGonigle
Headteacher

School Calendar 2023-2024

September 2023						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2023						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2023						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2023						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

School open to pupils and staff

January 2024						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2024						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

March 2024						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April 2024						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

School Holidays
School closed to everyone

May 2024						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

June 2024						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

July 2024						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August 2024						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Staff Training Days
School closed to Pupils

Bank holidays 2023/24 UK

25 December '23 Christmas Day
26 December '23 Boxing Day

1 January '24 New Year's Day
29 March '24 Good Friday

1 April '24 Easter Monday
6 May '24 Early May Bank Holiday

27 May '24 Spring Bank Holiday
26 August '24 August Bank Holiday