

# Northern House School

## Oxford

### Newsletter - Week Ending 22nd November 2019



#### DIARY DATES

**IMPS Training**  
**Yr. 6 Pupils**

Tuesday 3rd December

**Carol Concert**  
Wednesday 4th  
December (pm)

**'Snow Queen'**  
Wednesday 4th December  
(am) and Thursday 12th  
December

**Christmas Lunch and  
Parties**  
Wednesday 11th  
December

**Christmas/New Year  
Holiday**  
Friday 20th December  
2019 to  
Friday 3rd January 2020  
**Plus**  
**School Inset Day**  
Monday 6th January

**Spring Half-Term Holiday**  
Monday 17th February to  
Friday 21st February

**Easter Holiday**  
Monday 6th April to Friday  
17th April

**Bank Holiday**  
Friday 8th May

**Summer Half-Term  
Holiday**  
Monday 25th May to Friday  
29th May

**Summer Term Ends**  
Tuesday 21st July

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is prepared for their time in school. As we move into the Christmas period we have a range of activities and events being planned for the pupils in school, so I am taking this opportunity to remind you to please check the home/school diary on a daily basis. Over the coming weeks there will also be some important Parentmail emails in addition to the Newsletter updating you on activities, so please do look out for these.

Children and Staff joined in the spirit of Children in Need Day with a total of £90 being raised for the charity. Thanks to Falcon Class pupils for their work in arranging the day and to you as parents for your generous donations.

As part of the ongoing work we do with the pupils around keeping safe we welcomed the crew from Wheatley Fire Station to the school. The pupils enjoyed their time learning about fire safety, seeing the fire tender and really engaged in the opportunity to ask questions and think about how they should respond to situations and to keep themselves and others safe. For Anti-Bullying week last week the children had a special assembly led by Mrs Lee which was followed up in classes with discussions and an activity about positive changes we can make in school. Mrs Lee will be leading a follow-up assembly next week where the children will hear the outcomes from this.

Part of the development of the curriculum at school has involved teachers increasing opportunities for the pupils to engage in outdoor and off-site learning. The children have been enjoying their outdoor learning and off-site trips. Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed a successful trip to The Steam Museum at Swindon and engaged in a number of workshops during their visit. Wren and Robin Class have enjoyed successful visits to Cutteslowe Park and, as part of their Road Safety Week activities, Wren class have been out in the local area practising their road safety skills.

Pupils in Red Kite and Falcon class have been fortunate to have a lovely afternoon participating in craft activities with pupils from St Edward's School and are looking forward to the second afternoon in couple of weeks time. We are grateful to St Edward's school for their ongoing support of the work we do here at Northern House, Oxford. As you are aware there was a consultation meeting held here at school on Wednesday 13th November. The evening provided an opportunity to meet and speak with The Gallery Trust who are currently undertaking the due diligence process in relation to the re-brokerage. I will keep you updated on this process, when I am in a position to do so.

I would like to thank the many parents who have taken the time to speak directly with me expressing how pleased they are with the progress their child is making at the school and a special thank you to those of you who have taken the time to put this in writing to the school. It is very much appreciated by all staff. We look forward to welcoming you to the Carol Concert on 4th December. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries or wish to speak with a member of staff regarding your child.

With best wishes  
Alison Priddle  
Headteacher

#### ATTENDANCE ACHIEVERS

Class	%average
Chaffinch	98.00%
Wren	97.80%
Kestrel	97.80%

#### Believe, Achieve, Succeed

Thank you so much for working with us to ensure your child attends school. It is greatly appreciated. Every day your child attends really supports their learning.

Please keep the school office updated regarding absences on a **daily basis** by phone.