

Northern House School

Oxford

Newsletter - 6th December 2019



DIARY DATES

**Christmas Lunch,
parties and festive
jumper day**
Wednesday 11th
December

'Snow Queen'
Thursday 12th December

**Christmas Around The
World**
Monday 16th 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

**Last Day of School for
Pupils**
Friday 17th July

Inset Days
Monday 20th July
Tuesday 21st July

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has seen the Christmas season really get underway. Half of the school went to see The Snow Queen at the North Wall, where the excellent behaviour and engagement of our pupils was commented upon.

It was fantastic to see so many of our families attending the Carol Service and our thanks also go to St Edward's School for their support in making this such an occasion. I am sure you will agree the ukulele group performance was a real joy and our thanks go to Jon Fletcher who has been teaching and encouraging the children in their music making this term.

Classes are embarking on their 'Christmas Around the World' activities with each class having chosen a country to learn how different cultures celebrate Christmas. On Thursday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Usifu Jalloh, 'The Cowfoot Prince', to Northern House School. Usifu is a highly experienced, talented, award-winning performer and educator who has been working in arts education for over 20 years. The pupils and staff were enthralled by him and really engaged in the assembly and workshops. More information about the day will be shared with you in due course.

We look forward to more Christmas celebrations next week with the Christmas dinner on Wednesday hosted by St Edward's School when pupils can come to school wearing a festive jumper. In the afternoon there will be games for the children in the hall and, we have been informed via 'snow mail', that Father Christmas will be calling into school in the afternoon. The remainder of the school will be going to see 'The Snow Queen' on Thursday 12th.

We hope many of you will join us in school on Monday 16th December at 1pm for our celebration of 'Christmas Around The World'. Performances will take place in the hall and you will also have an opportunity to see the work that the children have been doing in the classrooms in relation to their chosen country. If you are coming on the 16th, you are welcome to take your child home afterwards. If you are doing this, please let your child's class teacher know in advance and also inform the taxi. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate parking on the school site, so please use the local car parks.

With best wishes this Christmas time.

Alison Priddle
Headteacher

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the annual Poppy Appeal. A total of £64.10 was raised by the school.

ATTENDANCE ACHIEVERS

Class	%average
Wren	97.78
Eagle	97.14
Chaffinch	97.00

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.