



Words from the Woods!

Friday 22nd March 2019

Upcoming Events (New/changed)

Fri 29.3.19 Celebration assembly
and parent coffee morning

Thu 4.4.19 Celebration assembly

Fri 5.4.19

- Easter Bonnet competition and parade 9am – 9.15am

- Easter Egg Hunt 9.45-11.45am

- Easter service at St Mary Le Moor Church Cadmore End 12.30-1.30pm

- School finishes at 1.30pm

Wed 24.4.19 School opens

Fri 26.4.19 No celebration assembly

Thu 25.4.19 Swimming starts

Fri 10.5.19 May Day

Celebrations 2pm

Sat 27.4.19 Sponsor Bluebell

Walk 1.30pm

Term Dates

INSET Days

23.4.19 3.6.19, 24.7.19

Open

Close

Spring Term 2019

Thu 3.1.19 Fri 15.2.19

Mon 25.2.19 Fri 5.4.19

Summer Term 2019

Wed 24.4.19 Fri 24. 5. 19

Tue 4.6.19 Tue 23.7.19

Dear parents,

I would like to start my newsletter by saying how extremely proud I am of the children's conduct outside school. There have been 4 external trips that have taken place since the start of term and at every trip I have either received an email, phone call or a comment from the organisers to say how well behaved and polite our children are! Well done Cadmore End!



STEM Week

News from Class 4 by Miss Charnock:

STEM Week in Class 4 got off to a flying start as we investigated how to make the best hoop gliders. The children had to consider which variables they would change and how this affected the flight distance. The theme of flight continued on Tuesday when we investigated how to make the best paper spinner. This involved a great deal of teamwork as well as all four aspects of STEM.

Thursday's focus was on Technology and Engineering. In the morning the children were tasked with building the tallest house of cards as well as exploring how to make a stable marshmallow and spaghetti tower. We were fortunate to have been invited to Great Marlow School for the afternoon to take part in a



cooking lesson with Mrs Cadogan. The children all made chocolate muffins and learned how to make pancakes which they ate during the session. The children were a pleasure to take and Mrs Cadogan spoke highly of their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm. Thank you to all parents who were able to help with transporting the children home.

Our week concluded with a visit from Darren, the weatherman, who was able to answer insightful questions from the class.

It was a delight to see how well the children were able to apply prior learning to problem solving tasks, to observe great collaboration and for the children to gain a greater appreciation of the importance of STEM in everyday life.

News from Class 3 by Mrs Alvarez:

Science week was rounded off this week by a very special visit from RAF helicopter mover and fire fighter. They told the children all about how tough their jobs can be but also very rewarding, and how they use maths and science every day!

News from Class 2 by Mrs Croft:

Science week was based on helping fairy tale characters in trouble. This linked to our literacy. We helped the gingerbread man cross the river on a bridge to escape the Fox- learning about bridge design but being challenged to use just one piece of paper. We helped

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the billy goat avoid the big bad troll by going across the river on a boat, which material would be best? The boat races were great fun! Could Humpty Dumpty avoid cracking when he falls? We tried to protect him with different materials. Rapunzel was left in her tower with no way to escape so we made her a parachute and learnt that the larger the area of the parachute the slower and more gracefully she would glide to the ground. It was great fun!

News from Class 1 by Mrs Woolfson:

This week, Reception class explored science in stories.

We built a wall for Humpty Dumpty using a variety of materials. We then had a think about what may have protected Humpty Dumpty from cracking when he falls. We made predictions, carried out our tests and then recorded our findings.

After reading Jack and the beanstalk we learnt about germination and how plants begin to grow and what they need to help them grow. We observed over time, how a pea starts to its journey to a plant.

We enjoyed reading the Gingerbread man story and then cooked spiced gingerbread biscuits. We wrote stories whilst our dough was cooling and discussed how dough changed in the process of cooking, from powder, to gooey dough, and then to a hard biscuit.

The highlight of our science week was learning about electricity. We learnt about static electricity by experimenting with balloons.

We then made circuits to light a light bulb.

What a busy week in Reception!

Staffing

I am pleased to confirm that we have successfully recruited a teacher for Class 3. We were very fortunate to have received several applicants and, after a rigorous interview process, we have appointed Miss Emily Holmes as full time Class 3 teacher. Emily is currently finishing off her BAEd at Oxford Brookes and will join us for the start of September as a newly qualified teacher. Emily is an advocate for Growth Mindset and has the passion and determination to unlock children's potential. We will certainly look forward to working with her.

Miss Emma Charnock, our part time Class 4 teacher, will also be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She has accepted a headship in an Oxfordshire school that is very similar to ours. We all wish her the best in this exciting new chapter of her life. Rest assured, we have already appointed Emma's replacement and warmly welcome Mrs Natasha Talbot. Natasha is an experienced KS2 teacher who will be sorely missed from her current school, but unfortunately they were unable to accommodate her wish to be part time so that she can spend more time with her family. She will teach 2 days whilst Mrs Gibbins will teach Wednesday – Friday. You will meet both teachers towards the end of the summer term.

Cadmore End Spring Clean

Thank you so much for volunteering your time tomorrow. After further discussions with the volunteers, the plan is as follows:

- Clearing leaves from the pond (please bring a net)
- Painting Class 4 and Class 3 (please bring a roller, tray and paint brush)
- Erecting a mini shed and hanging other equipment in EYFS (please bring a drill that can go through wood and brick)

If we have the manpower and the right equipment, we would like to take down part of a wooded climbing structure. However, we would need a sharp saw or even a chainsaw (only if you can safely operate it)

Mrs Gibbins will be here at 9.30am, however the majority of volunteers will be here between 12.30pm – 1pm. I will also be here at 1pm

Refreshments and cake will be provided. Children are welcome but they are your responsibility. Please also note that Cadmore End CofE School cannot take any responsibility for any loss, damage or injury.

As always, have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing some of you tomorrow!

Best wishes,
Mrs D Groom
Headteacher

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