Words from the Woods!
Friday 12th February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

We have made it! What an extremely difficult and emotional half term it has been. I am also acutely aware it is not over yet. A huge THANK YOU to all, for helping us support your child or children's learning. It has certainly been a challenge!

I would also like to thank staff for the dedication and support they have offered to the families within their class.

With half term next week, we did not want to just 'leave you'. You will receive a class letter from your child's teacher, offering ideas of activities that you could do. I know some of you would like to maintain that structure.

I, along with class teachers will be checking our emails periodically during half term and will respond to any concerns involving mental health and wellbeing; other emails will be answered upon our return.

We continue to be fortunate, that most staff have not contracted COVID and have been able to provide remote learning; as well as supporting pupils who are in school. We thank our families for following the Governments guidance to help reduce the risk of spreading this devastating virus.

Now that Mrs Hazell and Mrs Whanman-Bailey are feeling better (though not yet 100%), we are now in the position, to be able to partially open our nursery; whilst maintaining a safe and secure environment for all. We welcome back both old and new families to Cadmore.

With the possibility that schools will be opening from Monday 8th March, teachers will plan accordingly. It would be very frustrating for children to stop halfway through a topic!

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School Council

On Tuesday, the school council and I met over Zoom! We had a productive meeting with superb ideas to raise money and to keep us smiling!

Upcoming events and ideas that were discussed and planned are as follows:

❖ Mrs Groom's Special Mention Assembly – live- Friday 26th February 1pm

❖ World Book Day – Thursday 4th March 2021 9am – 3.15pm

> There will be a host of online, zoom and paper-based activities taking place! Further details will be sent out when we return after half term, however, some of the activities include:

> - Best dressed book character competition! To enter, all you need to do is pay £2 by Wednesday 3rd March and email your photo to Miss Butler by 12pm on Thursday 4th March 2021.
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>   Please transfer your entry fee of £2 to
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>   **HSBC**
>   **Cadmore End School PTA**
>   **40-24-17**
>   **92390264**
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>   Please make sure that you transfer the money by Wednesday 3rd March and use your child's name as reference. The winner will receive a £10 book voucher!

> - **A story with…** Children in Class 1, 2 and 3 will receive an invite to hear a couple of Year 5/6 pupils and members of staff read their favourite story over Zoom.

❖ The school council also looked at holding a Zoom film night! Watch this space!

Forest School Rangers

Yesterday, the Rangers met with Mrs Hazel to discuss the Forest School challenges that have taken place and future challenges. They also discussed fund raising activities. With spring on its way, they have decided to make and sell plant label pegs. These would also make a great Mother's Day gift. If you would like to order a set, please email Mrs Hazel at jhazel@cadmoreendschool.org

Hand made Hazel plant labels £2.50 for 5

All funds raised towards Forest School resources

Change 4 Life

If you would like some ideas on keeping your food bill down, Change 4 Life have created a web page with lots of easy, low-cost recipes for speedy lunchtimes!

https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas

Finally, I would like to share our winner's poem about nature. Sophie has won a £5 Amazon voucher! Well done Sophie from Class 2.

Have a restful break. Stay safe.
Mrs Groom
Headteacher

Animals in the woods
by Sophie westby

squirrels climb trees,
hegogs hide under leaves,
bunnys jump past,
dear that run so fast,
birds fly up high,
in the light sky,
badgers come out at night,
foxes hide in the light,
animals in the wood,
I'd take them home if I counld