

# **Diary Dates**

#### **INSET Days**

2.9.22, 5.9.22, 4.1.23, 17.4.23, 21.7.23

Holidays 2021-2022

New/Changed

Open Close Autumn Term 2022

Tue 6.9.22 Fri 21.10.22 Mon 31.10.22 Tue 20.12.22

Spring 2023

Thu 5.1.23 Fri 10.2.23 Mon 20.2.23 Fri 31.3.23

Summer 2023

Tue 18.4.23 Fri 26.5.23 Mon 5.6.23 Thu 20.7.23

#### **Diary Dates**

Wed 19.10.22 KS2 Swimming Wed 19.10.22 EYFS and KS1 Premier Sports Club.3.15-4.15 Tue 22.11.22 Individual and family photos Fri 21. 10.22 School closes 3.15pm

# Words from the Woods! Friday 14th October 2022

'From small beginnings come great things'
The parable of The Mustard Seed. Matthew 13: 31-32

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our celebration assembly and support our Macmillan coffee morning. So far we have raised £37 for such a valuable charity who has helped many families including members within our Cadmore community.

# **Donation request**

As some of you are aware, we have a fish tank in our prayer and reflection area. They are such an asset to the school with the children spending time reflecting whist watching them.

We would welcome donations to help pay for their upkeep and to purchase additional fish. If you would like to donate, please send in cash or cheque made payable to Cadmore End School Fund.



#### Homework

The new homework platform is now up and running with the majority of parents finding it easy to access and navigate. We hope that this new method will enable both pupil, parent and teacher to communicate and celebrate the child's work. This system is still in its early infancy and like yourselves, teachers are getting familiar on the type of work that can be set that children can complete offline and then upload an image of the completed task.

Further support on how to use teams can be found on our school website <a href="https://www.cadmoreendschool.org">www.cadmoreendschool.org</a> – curriculum – Homework. Alternatively, please speak to your child's class teacher for further support.

**Courage Honesty Respect Empathy** 



## Reading

Reading has been proved time and time again to improve not only children's academic achievements but also improve mental health and wellbeing.

Here are the top ten benefits of reading for children:

- 1. Their vocabulary is larger and more extensive.
- 2. They perform better academically.
- 3. Their imagination can run wild.
- 4. Their creativity skills develop.
- 5. They develop empathy.
- 6. They gain a deeper understanding of their world.
- 7. Their concentration levels improve.
- 8. The parent and child bond improves.
- 9. Their cognitive development is supported.
- 10. Their social skills and interaction improve.

Some further information on supporting your child at home

#### How to Read with Your Child

Reading aloud is an enjoyable activity that both parents and children alike can enjoy. Additionally, it is an activity that teachers find fulfilling and that they should encourage regularly, both at school and at home.

How Parents Can Read with Their Child

If you read with your child at home, then you are supplementing what they learn in the classroom as well as giving them additional one-on-one support that the classroom cannot give. To have successful and effective reading sessions, consider the following:

**Start young.** Even during infancy, a child can look at pictures and listen to your voice. Read aloud to your child and point to the pictures on the page, saying the name of the objects that appear. This provides your child with two sources of information: an understanding of real-world objects and an understanding of the importance of language. Even when your child can read by themselves, you should still read aloud together for practice.

**Make it part of your routine.** Try your best to read to your child every day and keep it consistent. Incorporate this into your, and your child's, daily routine until it becomes as much of a habit as them brushing their teeth. However, try not to be discouraged if you miss a day – just pick your routine back up as normal when you have time.

**Encourage variation.** Try to vary the books that you read to your child as much as possible. This will open their eyes to a range of different worlds, cultures, and characters, and allow their imagination to be stretched and thrive.

**Have patience.** Sometimes we can forget what it's like to be that age and what we were like. As an adult we take reading for granted, but it's easier to be patient with a child when we remember how much they don't know yet.



For example, how is a child going to know to read from left to right until you point at the words as you go? How are they to know that each scrawl on the page represents a word? Take your time and be patient if they don't understand.

**Continue the discussion.** After you've finished reading a story to your child, consider trying to keep it going. Age depending, you could ask them questions about what they've just read. For example, "Did you enjoy that story?", "Who was your favourite character?" or "Why do you think the prince was happy at the end?" However, don't feel that this is necessary for every single story you read. If your child enjoys the book, it will develop a love of reading anyway, even without the conversation.

## PTA

We are always looking for new members to join our fantastic PTA. If you would like to find out more, please email <a href="mailto:office@cadmoreendschool.org">office@cadmoreendschool.org</a> and Mrs Coyle will forward your details to the PTA. Upcoming dates:

- 11th November Autumn Fayre in the playground 3.15pm weather dependant. Activities include:
  - o to include hot chocolate and marsh mallows
  - scarecrow or pumpkin competition (TBC)
  - o scavenger hunt / trail through the woods
  - o donuts on a string
- Friday 18th November Mufti Day Children in Need
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day and Decorate the Christmas tree
- Friday 9th December Mufti Day prize for Christmas tombola

As always, have a lovely weekend. Many thanks, Mrs Groom Headteacher



# Stars of the week





Class	Award	Name	Reason
1	Star of the	Freya	Freya has been trying out lots of new things this week and
	Week		managed to stay all day at nursery too, well done!
	Science		
	Maths	Dawson	Dawson loved learning his shapes and was excellent at finding and naming them!
	Writer	David	David has been trying really hard to name all of his activities with greater independence, keep going David!
	Values	Kasper Tanner	For showing such kindness by sharing their prizes during our EYFS party.
For Class	Award	Name	Reason
2	Star of the Week	Declan	For trying really trying really hard in all lessons and doing everything he has been asked to do.
	Science	Grace	For a fantastic effort in our 'Keeping Healthy' lesson – testing out which activities made our heart beat faster.
	Maths	Oscar	For his fantastic understanding of money.
	Writer	Carwyn	For trying really hard in writing and working independently.
	Values	Kristen	For showing kindness and being helpful to the children in class 2.
Class	Award	Name	Reason
3	Star of the Week	Jenni	For being so kind and caring to her classmates and having such a positive attitude to her work.
	Science	N/A	-
	Maths	Lily	For working so hard and doing so well on her work in addition and subtraction
	Writer	Sophie	For some brilliant planning and laying out of her instruction writing
	Values	Elsie	For being thoughtful and understanding of her other classmates' feelings
Class	Award	Name	Reason
4	Star of the	Bonnie	For always trying her best, even when she finds something
	Week		challenging. I am so proud of you Bonnie!
	Science	N/A	
	Maths	Tyler	For working hard in maths lessons and explaining his thinking to the rest of the class



Writer	Celina	For working hard on writing her persuasive speech against segregation during the apartheid in South Africa
Values	Harry	For being a kind and supportive friend
Award	Class	Reason
Forest School Award	2	Aubree for helping to put up & adjust the slackline for her class
Attendance and Punctuality		