



### Upcoming Events

**Wednesday 16.12.20**

Christmas lunch

**Thursday 17.12.20** Last day of school. School finishes at 1pm

### INSET Days

1.9.20 18.12.20 4.1.21

7.6.21 21.7.21

### Open

### Close

### Autumn Term 2020

Wed 2.9.20 Fri 23.10.20

Mon 2.11.20 Thu 17.12.20

### Spring Term 2021

Tue 5.1.21 Fri 12.2.21

Mon 22.2.21 Fri 1.4.21

### Summer Term 2021

Mon 19.4.21 Fri 28.5.21

Tue 8.6.21 Tue 20.7.21

## Words from the Woods!

*Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

**Dear parents and carers,**

This is my final newsletter for this academic year. I cannot believe we only have two weeks to go until it is Christmas Day! It has certainly been an eventful year that I am sure many of us would like to forget. However, despite all that has happened, our children continue to soldier on and are working hard to catch up, on the learning that they missed, due to lockdown.

A huge well done to the children for all their hard work and also to the teachers who have worked tirelessly, to provide learning specific to our children's individual needs.

A final thank you to all the support staff; they continue to go above and beyond.

### Mrs Pattison's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On 30<sup>th</sup> November 1995, Mrs Pattison joined Cadmore End as a Teaching Assistant. 25 years later and she is still here! What an achievement.

Mrs Pattison enjoyed a special assembly where former and current colleagues left video messages; along with pupils and parents. It was lovely to see so many families join the assembly via Zoom.



### Mrs Coyle

Mrs Coyle has had her surgery last week and her surgeon was pleased that the operation went well. Mrs Coyle is now home and is looking forward to spending Christmas with her family.

We used the money that came in, after request for contributions from parents and staff, to buy a beautiful bouquet of flowers.



## Christmas raffle winners

Winners for our Christmas raffle are as follows:

PRIZE	WINNER
<b>£50 Grouse &amp; Ale Voucher</b>	Harriet Parkes
<b>Rush Trampolining Family Pass</b>	Tyler Davis
<b>Lacey's £25</b>	Isabella O'Connor
<b>Anya Lautenbach Christmas Wreath</b>	Jodie Brown
<b>Little Gym Handycross Classes<sup>i</sup></b>	Ian Sharp
<b>Strawberry Grove Cream Tea Voucher</b>	Graham White
<b>Tropics Make Up / Skin care voucher</b>	Mary Haines
<b>Rebellion</b>	Jon De Keyser
<b>Bottle of wine</b>	Emma Stack
<b>Bottle of Prosecco</b>	Lesley Ward
<b>Mulled wine</b>	Clive Ward

## Children's Christmas lunch

We will be having our traditional Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. However this year it will be cooked by Mrs Maughan and Mrs Groom! If you have not ordered and paid £3.50 for a Christmas lunch, your child **MUST** bring in a packed lunch.

On this day, children can wear a Christmas jumper (over their school uniform) instead of their Cadmore jumper or cardigan.

## Last day of term

School finishes on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm**. There will be no after school care. School will reopen on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January; along with wrap around care.

## School lunches

If you have not already done so, please return your completed lunch form for next half term. A copy of the form and further details about the lunches we provide can be found on our [school website](#)



## News from the Classrooms

### Class 1 and Nursery:

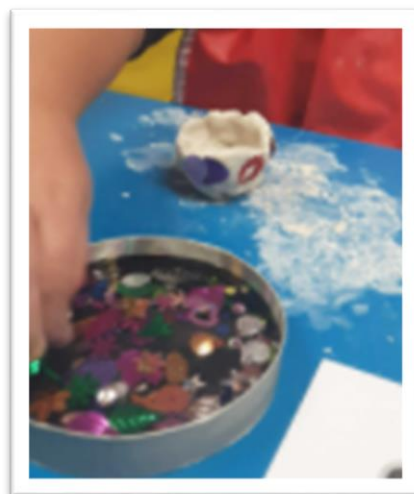
What a busy and fun half term we have had investigating celebrations, festivals and light. Our half term began with a bang as we learnt why we celebrate fireworks night. Campfire songs around a pretend bonfire in our classroom were sung whilst watching an impressive display on the smart board. We are so lucky that Mrs Hazell teaches our children about fire safety throughout the year in forest school lessons. Our class were lucky enough to whittle their own stick to make a sparkler!

An important festival of light for the Hindu faith is called Diwali. We had so much fun learning about Rama and Sita, acting out the story and making our own diya lamps from clay and pretty jewels. Bright Rangoli patterns linked so well to our maths theme, thinking about shapes and repeating patterns.

The children (and parents!) worked so hard at home during our two week isolation from school on the theme 'Nursery rhymes.' The arts and crafts produced at home was so wonderful to see. Well done to you all!



Upon our return to school, the countdown to Christmas had almost started! The children are very excited with advent calendars, decorations and even a Christmas Post Office that recently opened in Nursery Class! The cold weather this week has suited our topic about The Arctic. The children have loved learning about the animals that live here and of course Father Christmas himself who lives in the North Pole! **Mrs Croft and Miss Butler**







## Class 2

This half term in class 2 we have been learning how to join fabrics together as part of design and technology. The children designed a fabric face and made their design using the joining techniques they made.

Since then the class has gone sock toy crazy! We have a basket of old socks and bits and pieces so they can make a sock creature using the techniques they have learned. (Any old socks and stuffing would be greatly appreciated.)



We have also enjoyed watching the changing of the seasons as part of our Science and topic learning. We've learnt how to observe the weather around us and collect data about the weather. As well as thinking about how the weather affects us and the animals around us. **Mrs Bernard**





### Class 3

Class 3 have worked so hard over the past 7 weeks, dealing with staff and children self-isolating and being taught by different adult. They have coped well and shown perseverance, determination and kindness.

We came to the end of our Stone Age to Iron Age topic and created some brilliant 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' instructions as well as their own woolly mammoth models.



They have also been experimenting with musical instruments to create music to help narrate well know fairy tales. We hope to use our shadow puppet theatres to create a whole show and performance.



In maths we have looked at multiplication and division strategies such as the grid method, chunking and using number lines. This week we have started work on bar charts and line graphs and hope to create our own question to collect data for and draw up our own charts.

In science we have come to the end of our light topic and ended the series of lessons with a quiz to test our knowledge on light sources, sun safety, reflections and shadows. We have learnt a lot about light this half term! **Miss Holmes**





## Class 4

It has been a busy half-term for Class 4!

We have been getting involved in our learning, focusing on setting personal targets for SPAG and Maths. This half term we have been looking at fractions, and measuring angles using a protractor. Class 4 have made a fabulous start to their action, adventure stories based on the story of 'Alex Ryder', a 14 year old undercover agent. They have used parenthesis and relative clauses, and will continue to build upon other grammatical conventions as they progress throughout the year.

We have continued focusing on some aspects of our 'Africa' topic, creating sunset silhouette themed paintings and making African inspired necklaces. Our Head Boy and Head Girl helping in assemblies and with other school duties. Other class representatives have been helping out in Forest School, setting up the hall for lunch and being good citizens within the school.



Children have been looking at Living Things and their Habitats, and classifying animals. They had great fun creating their own animal and then requesting a partner to identify which type of animal it was, for example a mammal, reptile or amphibian. They have continued this exploration work during Forest School, and in creating PowerPoints exploring the Animal Kingdom.

All the hard work from Class 4 was rewarded with a Mufti Day/Party, where children enjoyed making paperchains to help decorate the class, colouring Christmas cards and making decorations.

I look forward to seeing their learning develop as we enter the New Year.

**Mrs Whayman-Bailey**

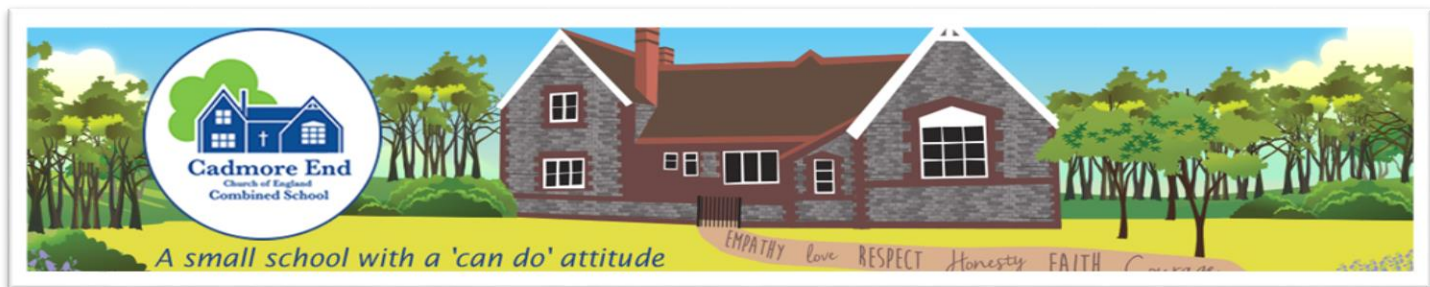


## Celebration Assembly

This week's awards were given to the following:

### Certificates given on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

<b>Star of The Week</b>	<p>Class 1: Emma such a big improvement in her self-regulation when upset and by showing excellent kindness to her friends in Class 1.</p> <p>James for doing so well with his phonics and concentrating very hard.</p> <p>Class 2: Martha - Always doing your work to an excellent standard. I know I can always use your work as a good example for the other children in your class. Well done!</p> <p>Class 3: Habib – For always trying his best to be kind, considerate and helpful. He is thoughtful to his classmates as well as staff in the school. He is trying to control his competitive behaviour and is becoming a much fairer and understanding person</p> <p>Class 4: Charliane – For being such a helpful member of Class 4 and always being ready to tidy up, even without being asked! And for having a hard working attitude towards her Maths work this week.</p>
<b>Star Writer</b>	<p>Class 1: Lewis. For his fabulous independent writing in his Christmas card.</p> <p>Class 2: Emily - For really trying hard to keep her writing neat and tidy. You worked hard on it this week and it was so much better....so keep it up!</p> <p>Class 3: Celina – For trying really hard to improve her writing and for coming up with some great ideas for her snowman story.</p> <p>Class 4: Edward– for repeatedly demonstrating a good knowledge of relative clauses, and parenthesis, in planning a story opening this week.</p>
<b>Science Award</b>	<p>Class 1: Elijah. For investigating ice and its properties in a variety of different ways including 'ice painting.'</p> <p>Grace and Elijah - they both took a keen interest in our ice experiment, thinking where to put the ice and predicting what might happen.</p> <p>Class 2: Olivia - For having lots to say in our science discussions this week. You showed how much you were listening on our explorer's trip to the Arctic!</p> <p>Class 3: Max – for working well in a team and achieving 1<sup>st</sup> place in a science quiz about light and shadow.</p> <p>Harry - for working well in a team and achieving 1<sup>st</sup> place in a science quiz about light and shadow.</p> <p>Class 4:</p>
<b>Value Award</b>	<p>Class 1: The whole of Class 1. For showing outstanding <b>empathy</b> towards their peers.</p> <p>Class 2: Sophie - For working consistently hard in all areas of the curriculum. You always try to do your best work no matter what we are learning or what we are doing.</p> <p>Class 3: John Corcoran – For working hard in class 3, writing well and completing maths work with joy and enthusiasm.</p> <p>Class 4: Lily and Georgia – for showing empathy and care towards the younger children at break/lunch times.</p>



<b>Maths Award</b>	<p>Class 1: Carwyn. For trying so hard to match quantities to numerals. We will get there Carwyn! Keep trying.</p> <p>Class 2: Gabriella - For listening carefully and using the skills we talked about on the carpet to be able to add 2 digit numbers all by herself. Well done!</p> <p>Class 3: Zac – for working really hard in his independence and completing some great work on bar charts and line graphs.</p> <p>Class 4: Sarah – for challenging herself to do some additional work on angles this week.</p>
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As always, have a restful weekend and I will see you all on Monday.

Mrs Groom

Headteacher

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