



Diary Dates

INSET Days

1.9.23, 4.9.23, 27.3.24,
28.3.24, 24.5.24

Holidays 2023-2024

New/Changed

Open Close

Autumn Term 2023

Tue 5.9.23 Fri 20.10.23
Mon 30.10.23 Tue 19.12.23

Spring 2024

Thu 4.1.24 Fri 9.2.24
Mon 19.2.24 Tue 26.3.24

Summer 2024

Mon 15.4.24 Thu 24.4.24
Mon 3.6.24 Tue 23.7.24

Diary Dates

Thu 5.10.23 2.15pm Phonic
workshop EYFS and KS1

Fri 6.10.23 2.30pm EYFS and
KS1 Maths Mastery Workshop
for parents

Fri 13.10.23 2.30pm KS2 Maths
Mastery workshop for parents

Mon 16.10.23 Family and
individual photos

Tue 17.10.23 Parent Teacher
Consultation 3.30-5.30

Wed 18.10.23 Parent Teacher
Consultation 3.30-6.30

Fri 13.10.23 Celebration
assembly. School closes at 3.15

Mon 30.10.23 School opens

Words from the Woods!

Friday 29th September 2023

‘From small beginnings come great things’

The parable of The Mustard Seed. Matthew 13: 31-32

Dear parents,

It has certainly been a busy start of term with lots of fun lessons taking place. The children are really engaged in their learning.

It was also lovely to see parents and family members at our Celebration/Macmillan Coffee Morning and this afternoon’s Harvest

Celebrations. Thank you for your donations to support Macmillan and the One Can Trust.



Maths, Phonics and Reading Parent Workshops

Last year, we adopted Maths Mastery and Twinkl Phonics and, through DFE funding and external support, we have really hit the ground running. This year, we are focusing on embedding the teaching and learning of Maths Mastery, phonics and reading across the school.

On Thursday 5th October at 2.15pm, we have a Parent Phonics Workshop and encourage parents of children in EYFS – Year 3 to attend.

The workshop will help you understand how and why phonics and reading is taught and how best to support your child or children at home.

Phonics



On Friday 6th October at 2.30pm, we have a Maths Mastery Workshop for Class 1 and 2 parents and on Friday 13th October at 2.30pm, we have a Maths Mastery Workshop for Class 3 and 4 parents. These sessions will introduce you to Maths Mastery, how it is delivered, resources used and how best to support your child or children at home.

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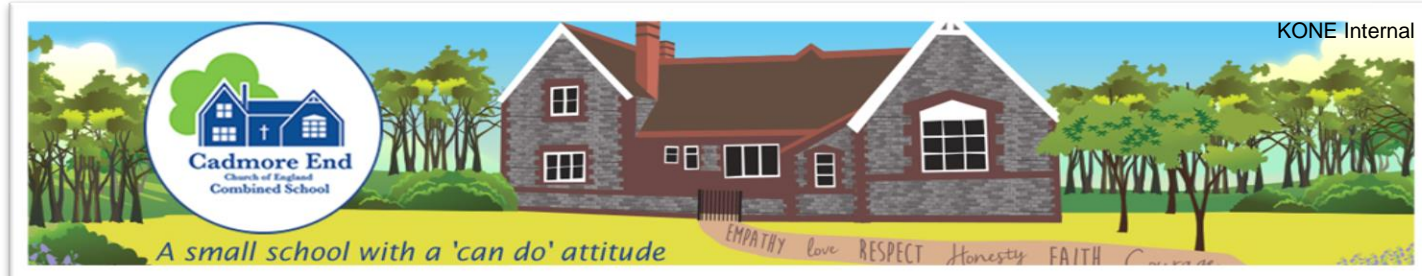
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Homework and Reading

All children in years 1-6 will have received homework. The purpose of homework is for children to practice and consolidate skills and learning that have been taught. It also helps to foster good habits of independence, organisation and self-discipline in preparation for the demands of secondary/grammar School.

I cannot stress how important daily reading is and to encourage you to listen to your child read a minimum of three times a week. When pupils become fluent readers, it is very important to focus on comprehension. Reading regularly also helps pupils in other curriculum subjects – especially English.



Online Workshop

Due to low interest, we had to cancel yesterday's Internet Safety Workshop. However, here are several links to websites that you may find informative to help you gain a better understanding on the current dangers of using the internet and how to minimise risks. [Online Safety and Wellbeing](#), [Think you Know](#) and [NSPCC Keeping Children Safe Online](#)

Facebook

Please check out our two Facebook pages ***Cadmore End School Forest School*** and ***Cadmore End CofE School and Nursery***. These web pages are used to showcase the children's work.

Spare clothes for EYFS

If you have any children's underwear, socks and jogging bottoms that your child has grown out of that would fit a 3-5 year old, please donate to our EYFS department – they are running low of spares!

Home School Agreement and Computing Acceptable Use Agreement

If you have not already done so, please could you share with your child, sign and return.

News From The Classrooms!

Class 1

We have been amazed at how well the children in Class 1 have settled over the last few weeks. We have enjoyed getting to know the children and welcoming new faces into the class. We have begun a topic of 'All About Me' and the children have shared family photographs with the class, painted self-portraits and made faces out of natural loose-part materials.

This week we went on a walk to the local woods where we were hunting for signs of autumn. We found lots of autumn treasures, such as acorns, conkers and different types of leaves, which we then used in our maths lesson for sorting. Mrs Deane

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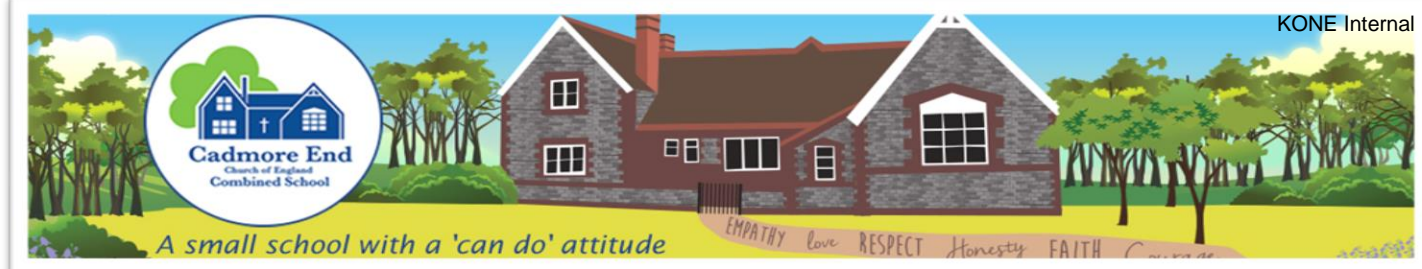
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Class 2

The children have made a great start to the new school.

Our Learning

English

Our first book was 'Rabbityness' and the children have produced some great art work in the style of Jo Empson who wrote and illustrated the book. I emailed Jo and told her what we had been doing and she has asked to see the children's work.

This style of painting fits with our Art topic, which is the work of Jackson Pollock.

We are also excited about our latest book 'The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon.' The children have designed and made their own fantastic Egg Box Dragons.

(Thank you for all the Egg Boxes and other junk materials). Mrs Baird



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Maths

We are learning about 'Place Value'. We are following The White Rose scheme, which is a small steps approach that encourages 'over learning' mathematical skills and concepts. It builds confidence and allows all children to access maths.

Mrs Baird



Class 3 Class 3 are so excited to be back! In English, we are looking at a story called Marcy and the Riddle of The Sphinx. We have been writing our own set of instructions on how to save your father from the tomb of the Sphinx! We have been looking at using conjunctions and adverbs to make our writing more engaging for the reader.

In maths, we have been working on place value. Year 3 have looked closely at 1, 10 and 100 more or less. Year 4 have even worked on Roman numerals which we found challenging but fun!

In History we have started our new topic Ancient Egypt and the class have really enjoyed learning about this era - especially the process of mummification!

Class 4 Class 4 has been working very hard since returning from the summer holidays! In English, we have been looking at biographies and writing them for famous scientists, linking to our topic of Scientists and Inventors. We have covered place value in maths and have recently started looking at formal written methods for the four operations. Sir Stephan Hawking and Alexander Fleming are just some of the famous scientists we have learnt about in science, looking at their lives and how they contributed to the world of science.



Finally, in geography, we have been looking at mountains and how they are formed. Here are some pictures of the volcano work with did with Mrs Hazel in our Forest School work! Mr Thorpe

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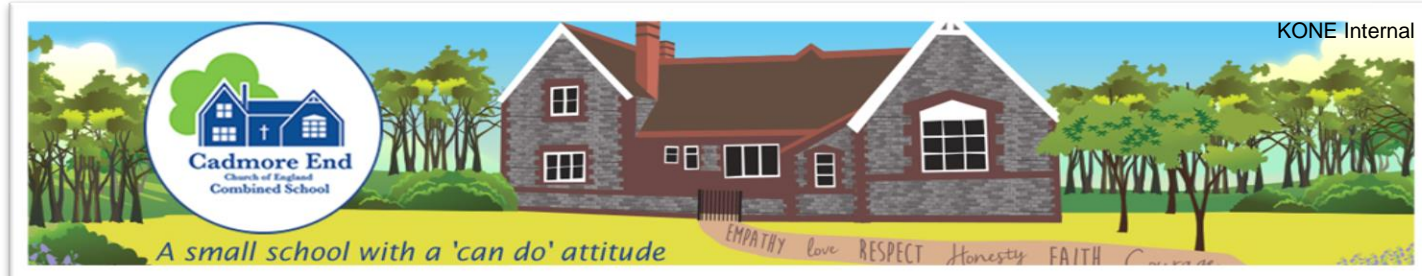
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Stars of The Week



Class	Award	Name	Reason
1	Star of the Week	Mike	For joining in with all carpet times this week and trying so hard in all of his activities.
	Science	Lily	For her enthusiasm during our woodland walk and finding lots of Autumn treasures.
	Maths	Maive	For excellent work on subitising with a dice.
	Writer	Scarlett	For working so hard on her letter formation.
	Values	Dawson	For showing respect to his learning environment by being such a super tidy up helper.
Class	Award	Name	Reason
2	Star of the Week	Rory	For having such a grown-up attitude starting year 1. Keep it up!
	Science	Tanner	For great work in our Everyday Materials topic.
	Maths	Jorgie	For getting the hang of Partitioning. Well done.
	Writer	Edie	For her writing about Egg Box Dragon.
	Values	Zac	For showing courage coming into school.
Class	Award	Name	Reason
3	Star of the Week	Emma	Settled in really well and been so brave with her swimming.
	Science	Joshua	For being so enthusiastic with his science.
	Maths	Sophie	Absolutely superb maths work and being so helpful.
	Writer	Archie	For writing an excellent set of instructions.
	Values	Aubree	For being so kind and supportive to Penny when she was hurt.

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Class	Award	Name	Reason
4	Star of the Week	Celina	For always working hard and being an example of superb behaviour!
	Science	Gabi	For excellent work on Alexander Flemming and his discovery of Penicillin
	Maths	Bradley	For excellent work on Power of 10.
	Writer	Grace	For excellent work on her biography
	Values	Ernest	For an excellent start to Year 5! Fantastic example of respect.

As always, have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Groom

Headteacher

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