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Friday, 9th September 2022

Dear Families,

Can you believe it's the end of our first week back already? For those of you who have been at Castleway for a while, you'll have been expecting your 'Friday Update' and for those of you who are new to Team Castleway, this will be your first of many updates from me. At Castleway, we pride ourselves on the efforts we make to communicate with our families and share the successes of our fabulous children. Here goes update number one of the 2022/23 academic year.

HRH Queen Elizabeth II

I have no doubt that you will all have heard the news that HRH Queen Elizabeth II passed away peacefully yesterday. I gathered our children in the hall this morning to discuss this sad but historic occasion. We watched a Newsround clip celebrating the life of our longest reigning monarch. Our children were sensitive, respectful and asked relevant questions. If you'd like to see the Newsround clip yourself, it's available to view by [clicking here](#).



In assembly, we also discussed how our country is now in an official period of mourning and what that may mean for events such as cricket, football and other planned activities. I am in the process of liaising with Rock Kidz with a view to postponing our planned Rock Star Day (due on Tuesday 13th September) as this is within the national period of mourning. After the fun we had last year, please be reassured that this is not a cancellation, simply a postponement. I will, of course, confirm with you when I know.

Building Work

It has been lovely to welcome our children back to Castleway and to welcome a whole group of new children from our Nursery School which is finally on our site. I have met with the Local Authority and their chosen contractor this week, there is still more work to come on making our two schools the best that they can possibly be! Our Reception and Year 1 children have a temporary outdoor area (that they're loving already) but please be assured that this is temporary. Work on our new canopy, fencing and outdoor area is on the planned schedule.

I'll share details of the schedule of works with you as we get closer to start dates but very soon you'll notice the mobile classroom on the playground getting a much-needed facelift! It really is an exciting time to be part of Team Castleway.

Tuck Shop Profits = New Lunchtime Equipment

As you know, we reinstated the long standing Castleway tradition of the Friday Tuck Shop last year. We promised you that any money raised would be used to buy new playground equipment for our children. Today, our children got the chance to test out some of what our profits had bought!

Tuck Shop continues each Friday after school on the KS1 playground.

Treat yourself, it's Friday!



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Website

We're beginning the process of making the existing Castleway website the 'one stop shop' for all things Castleway Primary **and** Castleway Nursery School. We'd ask for your patience in this while we continue to move, merge and freshen up our website experience.

Egg-Citing Times!

This week we welcomed our new #CastleHens. This year, we've gone a bit fancy! We've welcome two, as yet unnamed, Polish Chickens which are sometimes called 'Top Hats'. If you look at the photos, you'll see why! The chickens are based in our Reception and Year 1 outside area but all children from across both schools will have the chance to get to know our feathered friends!

Once again, we'll be asking our children to come up with the names for our hens and after the curve ball of last year's reception class coming up with Maggie and Marge, we can't wait to see what these beauties will be called!



Sign-In System

You'll be pleased to know that our sign in systems are back up and running. Thanks to Andy and Chris from the Wirral LA tech team for getting us back online again! If your child arrives late, you will be asked to sign them in on the screen as this links directly to our school registers. We will be on hand to show you how to do this if you're not sure what to do. The other option is... see you in the line at ten to nine!

Considerate Parking

Now that we have two schools on our site, the number of cars needing to park in and around school has obviously increased. I would like to ask you to please park considerately and consider the access to the driveways of our neighbours. Also, where you can car share or walk to school please do so.

The car park redevelopment is coming up soon on the schedule so, once completed, this will make access to our building much easier.

Social Media Pages

As with our website, we've started the process of merging all of our social media accounts so you will just have one place to visit to see all of the latest goings on from our classrooms. Across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, please just search for 'We Are Castleway' and you'll find us!

Please keep an eye on our social media pages for other updates, photos and news from Team Castleway over the weekend.

Have a lovely weekend and I'll see you all, safe and well, on Monday.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Mycroft'.

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher