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Friday, 11th November 2022

Dear Families,

Time really does fly when you're having fun. It's been another amazing week for Team Castleway and, as usual, here's your Friday Update full of news and celebrations. Here we go...



Lest We Forget

Castleway fell silent today as we took a moment to remember all of those who have lost their lives due to conflict or war. Unfortunately, although 103 years since the Armistice Day Treaty of Versailles was signed, war has become a real concept in our lives again. I was very proud of our children's mature approach to the remembrance silence and have been humbled by the support you have all shown to our Poppy Appeal in aid of the Royal British Legion. Thank you.

Family Bingo Night

Huge thanks to all who joined us for our first Family Bingo Night of this academic year. It was wonderful to have a full hall and even have to get the 'emergency table' out of storage! Having our hall full of members of our school family and wider community members was an absolute joy... plus the £50 cash prize went down well too! Community spirit and laughter, exactly what Castleway is about! We are still counting the money raised but early indications show we're looking at upwards of £300 raised for our constant drive to put more books in to our school library and classrooms.

A personal thank you from me to all members of staff who freely gave up their time to ensure this event was able to go ahead. I am lucky to lead such a dedicated staff team. Here's to the next one!



Family Phonics Sessions – Nursery School

The children in the Nursery School have been learning about listening and giving attention, and the different sounds they can hear in the classrooms and outside. They have also been exploring rhythm and rhyme in stories, songs, nursery rhymes and dough disco, and how letters sound and feel in words as we talk. All these activities teach children about early phonics. **The children and staff would like to invite you, the parents and carers, to join them on 24th November so you can find out more about how we teach and learn about phonics.** Talk to the team in your child's class next week about how you can come and join your child and staff as they play, discover, and learn through fantastic, fabulous, and fun activities.

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Who's that on my bridge?

Our Nursery children have enjoyed reading and listening to '3 Billy Goats Gruff' this week. They have re-enacted the story using puppets and becoming the characters themselves. Lots of bridges have been built and they've used them to focus on positional language such as across, over and under. Children have explored sizes small, medium and large and numbers 1 to 3. They've made troll biscuits and even met the real troll from the story! Their music area has been busy with children using quiet, loud and even their loudest trip traps on the musical instruments.

It's been another busy week in our wonderful Nursery Class.



Step by Step in Nurture Class

This week, our Nurture Class have been refining their skills of walking up steps taking turns to do this with each other. They've also been learning the colours of the rainbow... our school is really is the best place to learn about rainbows though isn't it! There's also been a lot of singing the classic, 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' too. Well done, Nurture Class. Another wonderful week for you all!



Primary School PE Timetable

As previously shared, our PE timetable from this coming Monday is as below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Year 1	Reception Year 5 Year 6	Year 3 Year 4



Fireworks and Poppies!

Our 2-year olds have been busy this week as they just couldn't stop talking about fireworks! They watched them on their class screen and even made some. The sounds inspired the children to get the instruments out too.

Their week ended with the children learning about Remembrance Sunday, they even made their own poppies. It was lovely to see our youngest children matching colours and learning the names too!



A Very Castleway Christmas - Nursery School Families

Save the date for 'A Very Castleway Christmas'! Families of our Nursery School children are invited to join us for some festive fun on Wednesday 14th December at 9:00am or 2:00pm.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Family Reading & Phonics Sessions – Primary School

Huge thanks to all who joined us for our Family Phonics and Early Reading session this week. Miss Dalby spent time talking through how we teach reading and how families can help at home. Please don't worry if you missed the session, we'll repeat it again soon.



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Children in Need – Next Friday

Please remember that, as stated in the 'dates for your diary', we're delighted to be supporting Children in Need again this year. Non-uniform Day (as spotty as you like) with a donation to Children in Need. All donations are appreciated.



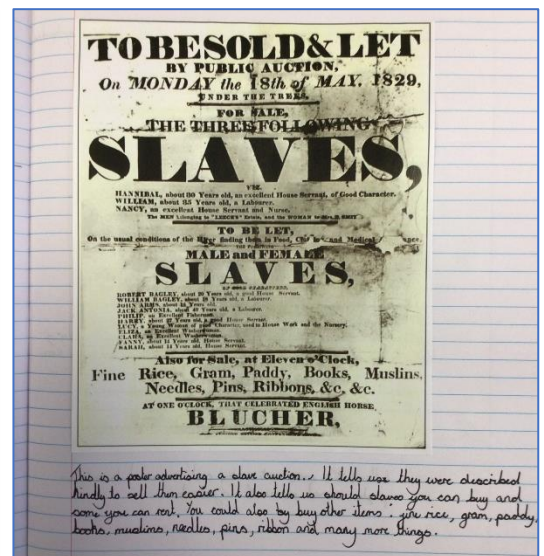
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Non-Uniform Day (spotty if you like) with a donation to the BBC Children in Need Appeal.

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Worldly Wise Year 6

Year 6 have been investigating sources of information such as artefacts, diary entries and auction posters as part of their history work on Africa and the Triangular Slave Trade. Such a powerful and important topic for our children. We're proud of our oldest children for their mature and sensitive attitudes to this work.



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Reception Remember

Reception Class spent time this morning exploring poppies for Remembrance Day. They showed our respect to all the brave soldiers at 11am by being silent and watching a special animation from CBeebies.



Dates for your Diary

Please take a moment to look at the dates for your diary to make sure you're up to date with what's coming up at Castleway. We've highlighted new or changed dates in yellow for your attention.

When?	What?	Who?
17/11/22	An Evening With... (6:00 – 8:00pm drop in session)	Community Event
18/11/22	Children in Need Day - £1 donation	All children and staff of both schools
20/11/22	Year 5 & 6 Residential	Years 5 & 6 Children
24/11/22	Family Phonics Sessions	Nursery School Families
24/11/22	Parents' Evening	Primary School Families
07/12/22	Elf Run	Primary & Nursery Schools
08/12/22	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children	All children and staff of both schools
08/12/22	Christmas Dinner Day	All children and staff of both schools
08/12/22	Christmas Fayre	All children, staff and families of both schools
14/12/22	A very Castleway Christmas! (9:00am & 2:00pm)	Nursery School Families
15/12/22	Reception & Year 1 Nativity (9:30am & 2:00pm)	Families of Reception & Year 1
16/12/22	Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert (9:30am & 2:00pm)	Families of Years 2- 6
19/12/22	A visit from someone special!	All children from both schools.
20/12/22	Christmas Parties & Non-uniform Day	All children from both schools.
20/12/22	Finish for Christmas Break	All children and staff of both schools
04/01/23	Return to School	All children and staff of both schools

As you can see, it's been a fabulous week and we've got lots more to come too!

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

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher

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