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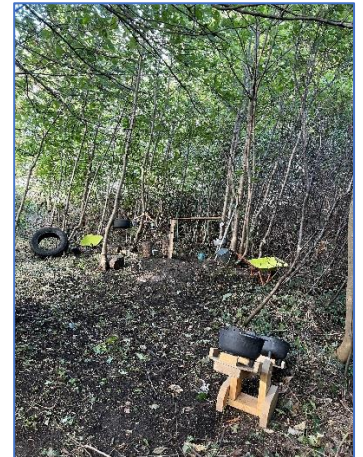
Dear Families,

Can you believe we're over half way through November already? As always, here's your Friday update celebrating all things Castleway!

Forest School – Nursery Sessions

We're very excited that our Nursery School children will start their Forest School sessions next week! Lots of hard work and effort has gone in to making sure the new area is ready for them. Huge thanks to all who have given their time so freely to make sure this amazing space is ready for our children to learn and make memories in! Please ensure that you have given your consent for your child to take part via the google form that has been shared previously. The photos really don't do it justice, it's a truly special and magical area.

Our **2-Year Old Class** will need their wellies and a change of clothes on **Tuesday mornings** and **Thursday afternoons**.
Our **Nursery Class** will need their wellies and a change of clothes on **Wednesdays**.



An Evening With...

We were delighted with the turn out to Castleway's first ever 'Evening With...' event. Miss McDonough invited in a range of the wonderful organisations and groups who are out there to support our children and families. Huge thanks to everyone who braved the rain and massive thanks to Miss McDonough for the sheer passion she has for doing all she can for our children and families.

Feedback from our families has been wonderful and to see people making really helpful and valuable connections made the braving the cold, wet November evening worth it!



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Welcome Home Reception Class!

Our wonderful Reception Class are excited to return to the main building after their holiday in the 'caravan' for the last few weeks. Our children have amazed us with their resilience with regards to settling in to their temporary home. It's all been worth it thought as their renovated classroom is nothing short of fabulous. Just wait until you see it!

The building work will now move on to our new corridor out on to the KS2 playground to allow the construction of the brand-new sensory room to start! We knew our school was something special but with all of this work taking place, it's really going to shine just as it should! Thank you, as always, for your continued help, support and patience.

Open Evening

We're delighted to be opening the doors to our school to welcome any prospective families on Monday 28th November. We're welcoming visitors between 3:30 and 6:00pm with no need to book. If you know someone who you think may like a look around our partially renovated castle, don't forget to tell them!



Kingswood Residential

It's all systems go for our Year 5 and 6 children who are ready and raring for their residential trip to Kingswood. I'll be opening school at 12:30pm on Sunday so please make sure you're here and ready to go by 12:45 prompt.

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If you go down to the Twos today...

If you go down to the Twos Room today, you'll be in for a big surprise... and that's what our children got each day this week! Children had daily fun exploring the outdoors going on a bear hunt and they even found the three bears house. You can't learn about bears without enjoying a teddy bears' picnic and trying some porridge too! Their bear filled week ended with some Pudsey related fun! Another wonderful week for our youngest Castleway children.



Nursery Class and The Three Bears

Our Nursery children have loved listening to and reading about Goldilocks and the 3 Bears this week. They've learned about sizes small, medium and big and the number 3. Children have made masks of their favourite character from the story and tasted porridge oat biscuits. On Thursday they brought their own teddy bear into nursery and enjoyed a teddy bears picnic. Afterwards, Daddy Bear had a turn on their parachute and children screamed in delight as he was bounced up and down until he was dizzy! They have looked and talked about different bears around the world and their characteristics. Today they enjoyed celebrating Children

in Need and saw some fantastic outfits. Thank you for your donations!

Children in Need

Huge thanks to all who have supported our Children in Need fundraiser today. Our Celebration Assembly was brighter and spottier than usual! So far, we have raised £75 for this great cause, we're still accepting donations if you're in a position to donate. Thanks to all who have supported our efforts today.



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Who's been sitting in my chair?

This week, our Nurture Class have been exploring bears and have enjoyed learning more about their sound train character Barry Ball. The three bears left their porridge for them to try, apparently it was yummy!

They've also enjoyed reading the story 'That's not my bear!' and even had a teddy bears picnic! Next week, children will be meeting the Sound Train character 'Robbie Robot' and learning more about Red Riding Hood.

Primary School PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y2	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Y1	Reception, Y5, Y6	Y3, Y4

Parent Governor Nominations

We're looking for a Parent Governor to join the Governing Board of The Unity Federation. Full details and the link to nominate yourself can be found here: <https://bit.ly/Castleway20221116>. I'm looking forward to working with you!

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?
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

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

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher

