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Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Families,

It's been a fabulously festive week at Castleway and, as you can imagine, we've had a wonderful time! From Christmas Jumper Day to a delicious Christmas Dinner to an amazing Community Christmas Fayre, it's all be happening at Castleway. As usual, here's your Friday Update with all of the usual celebrations and updates.

## Castleway's Delicious Christmas Dinner

This week, we were treated to our annual Christmas festive feast from our wonderful kitchen team. Children loved our decorated tables, they thoroughly enjoyed their delicious meal and lots of fun was had with our Christmas crackers! Lots of fun and, as always, lots of memories made!



## We are Readers! Book Advent Calendar

Our Book Advert Calendar really is very popular across both of our schools. We really love reading at Castleway!



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### Christmas Fayre

Well what a phenomenal success our Community Christmas Fayre was! We've raised over £730 and we're still counting. This is truly exceptional and by far a record for us at Castleway! We can't thank our amazing Miss McDonough enough for pulling this amazing fayre together. We're so lucky to have her and we're delighted with the amazing community links she's made to benefit our families. Oh and of course I had to get a picture in the fire engine with the elf!



### Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Partnership

We're incredibly proud to announce that we've been asked to work with Liverpool Hope University as their Equality, Diversity and Inclusion link school. We're delighted to be able to share the work that we do with the next generation of teachers!

I'll be living up to our school motto as I challenge myself to do something that I've not done before when I stand in front of a group of students and deliver a talk on what equality, inclusion and diversity means to me. I'm incredibly proud to share what we do at Castleway... I'm just a bit nervous at the thought of it!

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## Elf Run

Almost 200 elves ran around Castleway on Wednesday and what fun they had! As you know, this was a charity event to raise much needed funds for the incredible Wirral Hospice St. John's. So far, we've raised over £500 between online donations and cash contributions. There is still time to donate if you'd like to and are able to. The Just Giving page can be found here: [Castleway Elf Run - Just Giving Page](#).

Our community really are phenomenal and you've once again proved that Castleway cares!



## Progress Update – Year One Temporary Move



From Tuesday, our Year 1 children will be temporarily based in a different room within school while their brand-new teaching wall is installed and the final finishing touches are made to their classroom. We are expecting the work to take no longer than a week but we will, of course, let you know. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Bell will support our children to ensure that the children are supported in this transition and all necessary familiar items (including their Christmas tree) will follow them!

From Tuesday, Year 1 will need to be dropped off and collected from the school hall. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Bell will be there to greet you.

## Festive Fun for our Two-Year Olds

This week children have been great Santa's little helpers! They've helped at the post office, decorated the Christmas tree, helped raise money and be little elves themselves! The children have been given a lovely advent treat and have been introduced to lots of Christmas stories and songs too.



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**Oh, Christmas Tree!**

We started the week in the best possible way as our children dressed our Christmas trees with their own handmade decorations. The only decorations on our Christmas trees are the ones made by our amazing children. We would like to thank Molloy’s Garden Centre on Leasowe Road for their incredibly kind donation of two gorgeous Christmas trees!



**Non-Uniform Days - 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Following suggestions from parents, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December will both be festive non-uniform days. This means you can put the uniforms away on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December until 2023! However, if you'd rather your children wear uniform that is, of course, absolutely fine.

**Dates for your Diary**

When?	What?	Who?
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	Years 2 - 6 Carol Concert (9:30am & 2:00pm)	Families of Years 2- 6
19/12/22	Optional Non-Uniform Day	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,

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