



# We are Castleway.

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Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Families,

It's the end of another Team Castleway week and what a week it's been. Work is continuing at a rapid pace and the exterior of our school is now starting to look as good as the amazing things that take place inside it each and every day. As always, here's your Friday Update full of news and celebrations.

## Looking good, inside and out!

Speaking of work progressing, things really have sped up at our school this week. Our new classroom is nearing completion, our sensory room extension now has a roof and walls and our exterior windows and doors are now being fitted! It's been amazing to hear all of the wonderful feedback from our community around the significant investment in our building. The best thing is, all windows and doors will have been replaced very soon! Thanks to those of you who have taken the time to thank the building team too, I know your kind words have been appreciated.



## Take Home Ted

As you know, we are passionate about reading at Castleway. We firmly believe that every child should have a love of reading and that it is our job (school and home) to ensure that we do all we can to promote this. Next week, our Tow-Year-Old Classroom will have the chance to take home Ted. Take Home Ted will come with a book to share and we can't wait to hear all about his adventures from our children!

## Fabulous Footballers

This week, our Year 5 & 6 team took part in our latest match in the Merseyside Cup. Playing against our friends from New Brighton Primary School. We were delighted with the team work, support and overall skill from our team. After a thrilling game of football, we won 7-5 and are through to the next round of the Cup. Well done to our team and huge thanks to Mr. Davies for all he does for the profile of sport in our school. Come on Castleway!



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### **Athletics Success!**

A group of children from Years 4 & 6 took part in a fabulous after school athletics event at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College this week. It was lovely to see our children confidently tackle each event and use the power of sport to develop friendships with children from different schools.

As always, we will continue to take full advantage of all opportunities that are available to us to benefit our children.

### **Strike Update**

Earlier this week, I shared an update about the strike action taking place next week. Please follow [this link](#) to read the letter if you missed it. As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

### **Whatever Next!**

This week, our Nurture Class have been busy exploring boxes and then they read the book 'Whatever Next. Lots of fun was had playing 'who's in the box' to help with turn taking and knowing names. They even had a picnic on the moon just like Baby Bear from their story. They have also explored the sound 'S' and looked at different items beginning with the 'S' sound. Another great fun filled week for our children!



### **Lunar New Year**

To celebrate the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Rabbit, our Nursery Class have had lots of fun inside and out of their classroom. They have loved pouring and scooping red rice, they've enjoyed delicious noodles and even creating a huge dragon! The children performed a brilliant dragon dance too.

Why not ask your child if they can remember how to say happy new year in Chinese!



### **Diversity Reading Challenge**

We are proud of our inclusive and diverse culture at our school. A key part in achieving this has been our 'Diversity Reading Challenge'. This week our next set of challenge books have been shared. If your child brings one of these beautifully representative and diverse books home, please enjoy! If you have any of our other challenge books at home, please send them back in so others can enjoy them.

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**Upcoming Events – It's all happening at Castleway!**

# Coffee Morning



Join us each Monday morning for coffee, chat and a good old Castleway catch up. We've also got some special guests joining us over the next three weeks. We hope you can come along!

~~10th January - Tomorrow's Women Wirral~~  
~~23rd January - Brian Senior (Involve Northwest)~~  
 30th January - Family Toolbox

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# Castleway's Valentine's Disco

Wednesday 15th February

**£1 entry per child with drinks and snacks available to purchase.**

Nursery School Children - 11:00am & 2:00pm  
 Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 - 3:25pm - 4:00pm  
 Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 - 4:00pm - 4:45pm

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# Books at Bedtime

**Reception, Year 1 & Year 2**

Return to school at 5:30pm in your PJs ready for hot chocolate, bedtime treats and lots of lovely stories!

**Wednesday 1st March 2023 - 5:30pm**



# Stories around the Campfire

**Key Stage 2 - Wednesday 8th March**

**4:00pm for Y3 & Y4 & 4:30pm for Y5 & Y6**



# Castleway's Afternoon Tea

After the success last year, we're delighted to invite our 'Mothers and Significant Others' in to school for a spot of Afternoon Tea!

**Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March 2023 at 2:30pm**



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# Come Dine With Castleway

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Come Dine with Castleway is back by popular demand. Families are invited to join their children for lunch at school. After such positive feedback last year, we're doing it all again!

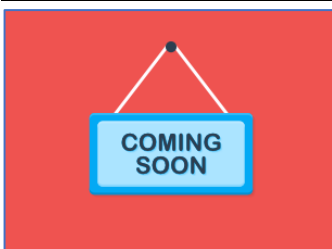
**Nursery & Reception - 01/02 at 11:30am**  
**Year 1 & Year 2 - 15/02 at 11:30am**  
**Year 3 & Year 4 - 08/03 at 11:30am**  
**Year 5 & Year 6 - 22/03 at 11:30am**

Primary School parents are to book via Parent Mail please. Nursery School parents of children who stay for lunch to book via your classroom team please.



*\*Please note that the Reception Class CDWU event will be rearranged. More details to follow.*

**New Website & Communication Platform**



There's a brand new #WeAreCastleway website coming your way very soon! We're bringing communication, celebration and collaboration together in one rainbow filled place! We're ready to start signing families up to the platform. I'm really excited to finally have both of our schools and all services that you need in one place. The letter shared last week gives some further details. If you missed it, the letter can be viewed on our current website here: <https://bit.ly/Castleway20230117>.

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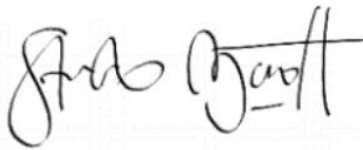


## Dates for your Diary

When?	What?	Who?
30/01/23	Coffee Morning – Family Tool Box	Parents from both schools
01/02/23	Come Dine with Nursery & Reception* <i>*Reception Class CDWU will be rearranged.</i>	Nursery & Reception Families
06/02/23	Children's Mental Health Week	Primary & Nursery School Children
15/02/23	Come Dine with Year 1 & Year 2	Year 1 & Year 2 Families
15/02/23	Valentine's Disco	11:00am & 2:00pm Nursery School 15:25 – 16:00 – Reception & KS1 16:00 – 16:45 – Key Stage 2
01/03/23	Books at Bedtime – Return to school at 5:30pm	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Children
02/03/23	World Book Day	Primary & Nursery School Children
08/03/23	Come Dine with Year 3 & Year 4	Year 3 & Year 4 Families
08/03/23	KS2 Stories around the Campfire	Year 3 & Year 4 – 4:00pm Year 5 & Year 6 – 4:30pm
15/03/22	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Families
16/03/22	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Families
22/03/23	Come Dine with Year 5 & Year 6	Year 5 & Year 6 Families

Another wonderful week for Team Castleway. Here's to the next one... let's just enjoy the weekend first!

Kind regards,



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Headteacher



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