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Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we're at the end of another amazing half term for all at the Castleway Campus. We're incredibly proud of everything that goes on at our both of our schools each and every day. Please remember that we break up today and return to school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

As usual, here's your weekly update full of news and celebrations... just on a Thursday this week!

## Valentine's Disco

Children from both schools had a **lovely** time at our Valentine's Disco this week. It's great to see our children let their hair down and have fun with their friends. I would like to thank the dedicated members of staff, including our very own DJ Melvin, who gave up their time freely to allow our children to make memories and have some Valentine's fun.



## Love is in the air!

Reception Class had a lot of fun on Tuesday as their classroom was filled with Valentine's related learning activities. Smiles all round as usual for our Little Wonders in Reception!



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### **Futsal Tournament**

Our Y5/6 children had a fabulous time representing our school at a Futsal Inspire session this week. We're proud of our commitment to ensuring that all children get to take part in a wide range of sporting events and activities at Castleway.



### **Family Forest School**

It has been amazing to welcome even more families in to our Forest School this week. We know our children adore our Forest School but we love how excited our adults are about this amazing space too! Don't worry, we've heard your requests for more sessions, leave it with us!



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### Come Dine with Castleway

Come Dine with Us returned in spectacular style this week as we opened the doors to our Year 1 & 2 families. It was lovely to have our hall (or  $\frac{3}{4}$  of it due to the building works) full of laughter and delicious food. Huge thanks to our wonderful kitchen team for putting on this tasty treat for our families.



### Year 1 at Leasowe Lighthouse

Well, they did it! Our amazing Year One children walked to Leasowe Lighthouse and back today! They had lots of fun and learnt lots of interesting facts. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Bell were so proud of how resilient they were. Our core values shone through their behaviour and actions. We are incredibly proud of our Year One children.





### Year Two Visit to St. Chad's Church

Year Two had a great time visiting St. Chad's Church this week as an enhancement to their learning in RE. As you'd expect, our children were amazing role models for all things Castleway and we're incredibly proud of how respectful they were. Thanks to Mrs. Kirk and Reverend Derek for putting this curriculum enhancement together.



### Fabulous Footballers

Huge well done to our school team for an amazing 9-2 win in our journey to lift the Houlihan Cup last night. We're incredibly proud of our team for their sportsman ship and ensuring that our school values shone. As always, thanks to the amazing Mr. Davies for all he does for our school.



### NEU Strike Day

As you'll be aware, the next day of the NEU strike action is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please see the letter from me that was emailed out today with how our schools will be affected on that day. As always, any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.



### Nurture Room Update

This week our Nurture Class have been focusing on the sound 'm'. They have enjoyed looking in their sparkly bag at objects beginning with the 'm' sound. As we love reading at Castleway, they have been reading 'The Way Back Home' too. They have also been playing with the parachute doing their very best to get the teddy to the moon.

I'm sad to share that Miss Hampson will be leaving us on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March to take up different position at a special school to fully utilise her incredible skillset. I know that Miss Hampson has a special bond with the children and families of Nurture Class and will be missed greatly. The Leadership Team and I are working on staffing and classroom arrangements for after Miss Hampson leaves. Please rest assured that we will contact families to inform them of the plans as soon as we can.



### **Flying High!**

We were lucky enough to be visited by a drone pilot last week as we celebrated the end of Children's Mental Health Week. We all gathered on the field to give our loudest Team Castleway cheer and wave. The image has been shared on our social media but I'm sharing it here if you missed it.



### **Dates for your Diary**

When?	What?	Who?
16/02/23	Finish for Half Term Break	All children, staff and families.
27/02/23	Return to School	All children, staff and families.
28/02/23	NEU Strike Action – See letter emailed today.	Selected classes.
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

I wish you all a safe, happy and restful half term break and we're already looking forward to hearing all about it upon our return to school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind regards,

Handwritten signature of Mr. S. Mycroft in black ink.

Mr. S. Mycroft  
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