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Sunday, 2nd April 2023

Dear Families,

So, that's it. Spring Term is finished and what a term we've had! Apologies for your Friday Update reaching you on Sunday but, as they say, it's better late than never. I had a really busy, but very productive Friday which was finished off with a rather odd internet outage... just in my office! Here we go with all of the news and updates from Team Castleway just before we officially start our Easter Break tomorrow.

Goodbye and Thank You Mrs. Riley!

This week, we said an emotional farewell to the wonderful Mrs. Riley after 13 years at Castleway as she leaves us to spend some precious time with her family. We loved hearing our children share memories of Mrs. Riley and we made sure our cheers of 'hip hop hooray' could be heard all over Leasowe. We're incredibly thankful for everything Mrs. Riley has done and wish her all the very best for her future.



As you'd expect, there was an outpouring of good wishes and memories on our Facebook page when we shared the news of Mrs. Riley's departure. We're sharing just some of the lovely comments can be seen below:

- **'Thank you for everything you have done for the school and laterally the Nursery, Mrs. Riley. Best wishes to you in your next chapter of life.'**
- **'I remember Mrs. Riley when she was new. 13 years has flown. Good luck Mrs. R.'**
- **'Amazing teacher, always smiling. Will definitely be missed.'**
- **'An amazing teacher. Both of my girls loved her.'**

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Hot Chocolate with the Head

As you'll all know, I absolutely love having the chance to spend quality time with our children and what better way to finish a really busy half term than Hot Chocolate with the Head! It was lovely to reward the recipients of my Headteacher's Awards from this half term for being wonderful role models for all at Castleway.



Year Two in Forest School

Year Two had a wonderful time at Forest School on Friday morning. Getting the chance to work with Miss Bonner and Mrs. Gallagher from the Nursery School really was an unexpected treat.



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EuroLearn Project Launch at Liverpool One

We were thrilled to be part of 'EuroLearn' and the 'Pysanka Egg Display' launch at Liverpool One this week. It's a brilliant community collaboration between school children & talented artists, bringing creative visions to life in celebration of Eurovision. Our children were treated to the full press experience with interviews for BBC and Radio. We also got to spend time with our friends from Eastway and Leasowe Primary to celebrate our collaboration and creativity. Once again proving that we're #StrongerTogether.



Year Five in Forest School

Year Two weren't they only ones to venture over to our forest on Friday. Year Five had a great time climbing, digging, swinging and most of all trying to light and maintain the fire, ready to roast marshmallows. They showed excellent patience and team work to cook popcorn!



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Nursery School Refurbishment

I've been in to school again today and I'm delighted to share that the work really is progressing at a great speed! Over the next two weeks, the flooring and ceilings are being replaced. We're having a brand-new kitchen area fitted and brand-new toilet facilities installed. This means that our Nursery School provision will be purpose built and exactly what our children deserve... only the very best! This photo was taken this morning showing the scale of the refurbishment that is happening and gives you an idea of the amazing space that we're creating.



But please don't worry, I have every faith that the work will be completed. Our amazing builders and contractors haven't let us down yet. Remember that Monday, 17th April is a staff training day as we work together with an Early Years expert to set up our brand-new provision ready to welcome your children back on Tuesday, 18th April.

Download the School Spider App

Our brand-new School Spider app allows you to receive and return information directly to and from our school. You can receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and even report absences. We're slowly rolling out the use of this app and we're pleased to ask you to start attempting to download and log in now.

- Download the 'School Spider' Parents & Carers App.
- Select our school.
- Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from our school website.
- Click parent dashboard to login or create an account.
- Create an account by pressing 'create account' and enter your email address.
- You **must** already have your email address linked with our school.



[The School Spider Parents & Carers Guide can be accessed here.](#)

Please have a go at this over the Easter break and we'll be on hand to support you with any technical issues you may be having. Over the holiday, we will be attempting to launch the Primary School Parents' Evening booking system so please download the app and have a go!

Vara Sports Easter Camp with FREE Places for Eligible Children

Please remember that there's still time to sign up for this amazing opportunity for our children. Next week, we'll be opening the doors to Castleway to the team from Vara Sports for their 'Sports Camp'. Details are on the flyer below with a £10 per day cost. The best bit is, if your child is eligible they could attend free! Contact Vara Sports direct via their [Facebook Page](#), via mobile (07389 739176) or email admin@varasports.co.uk.



Dates for your Diary

Please see the revised 'dates for your diary' below. I've highlighted any significant changes in yellow for your reference.

When?	What?	Who?
17/04/23	PRIMARY Return to School	Primary children, families and staff.
18/04/23	NURSERY Return to School	Nursery children, families and staff.
20/04/23	Primary School Family Learning Review	Primary School Families

I hope you have a lovely Easter with your families, however you choose to spend it. We're already looking forward to welcoming our primary children back on Monday, 17th April. We're even more excited to open the doors to our refurbished Nursery School on Tuesday, 17th April.

See you all soon and take care.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher

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