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Monday, 24th April 2023

Dear Families,

What an incredibly bright and sunny start to our week! It has been lovely to welcome all children back to school today in the sunshine. I hope you all had a lovely weekend and are ready for another wonderful Castleway week. I'm writing today to share some news and updates with you all.

Building Work Update

We are nearing the end of our extensive building renovations and, whilst we've been lucky to have a great team of builders working with us, we're looking forward to getting our school back! The work is almost complete on the Year 6 classroom and it's looking lovely.

Given that our Year 6 children have their End of KS2 Assessments (SATs) in 2 weeks, we feel it's best to leave them in the mobile classroom for the time being. On Thursday of this week, Year 2 will move in to the Year 6 classroom to allow the work to start on refurbishing their classroom.

We're also at the point in our renovations where the new 'heart of the school' space will be created. When complete, this will be an amazing library and technology hub where we'll be able to reach all classes (Reception to Year 6). We'll also have a brand-new corridor leading out to the KS1 playground.

In order for this to happen, there's quite a bit of remodelling to do... and that's putting it lightly! The building team have started clearing the space and putting up safety hoardings. Mr. Melvin has visited all classes this morning to explain the impact that this building work will have. In the short term, there will only be external access to the building. This means that all children will still, of course, be in their classrooms but the middle of school will be out of bounds. The hall is unaffected so lunches etc will happen as normal. For the next few weeks, it's even more important than normal to make sure all children are on time and access school through their classroom door.

It's a big job but if anyone can, Castleway can! This part of the project being completed will revolutionise our shared space and further cement our place as a school of choice for our community. How exciting!



Blinds!

Today saw another exciting development at Castleway... our blinds are starting to be fitted! Blinds at the front of school and our staff room have been fitted; they look wonderful and as you'd expect they're in Castleway blue! The company are currently working on our hall blinds with a view to them being fitted early next week. It's all coming together!



Coronation Celebrations

Children are invited to wear 'red, white and blue' on Wednesday, 3rd May for our Castleway Street Party to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. We'll be enjoying 'Regal Fish and Chips' and hopefully, weather permitting, a street party.

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Classes 2023/24

I know that the school organisation and classes for next year is a topic that is on the minds of many of you at the moment. This is something that the Leadership Team and I are discussing and do reflect on regularly. Please be assured that the decision of which teacher is in which class is based on the experience and skills of our teaching staff and the needs of each cohort of children. It is still incredibly early for information about next year to be shared, not least due to the fact that the teacher resignation date is 31st May for teachers to leave at the end of this academic year. Whilst I don't want any of our teachers to leave, there are progression opportunities available at other schools that teachers may wish to apply for. When the final decision is made and information is shared with families, we will also hold 'Meet the Teacher' coffee mornings to give families the chance to meet and chat with your child's next teacher.



Rest assured, putting the children first is what we do at Castleway and preparing for them to move to their next class is no exception!

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?
01/05/23	May Day Bank Holiday	Both Schools Closed
03/05/23	Royal Coronation Celebrations	All Nursery & Primary children.
05/05/23	Year Two – Kings & Queens Workshop	Year Two children
08/05/23	King Charles III Coronation – Bank Holiday	Both Schools Closed
09/05/23	Start of end of Key Stage 2 Assessments	Year Six
09/05/23	Launch of CastleVision!	Both Schools
15/05/23	Mission Eurovision	All Nursery & Primary children.
15/05/23	Walk to School Week	All Nursery & Primary children.
19/05/23	CastleVision Concert for Families	Primary School Families
26/05/23	School Closes for Whitsuntide Break	All Nursery & Primary children.
05/06/23	Return to School	All Nursery & Primary children.
WB: 19/06/23	Year 2 & Reception Swimming	Year 2 and Reception children
WB: 03/07/23	Year 1 Swimming	Year 1 children
18/07/23	School's Out for Summer!	All Nursery & Primary children.
04/09/23	Return to School	All Nursery & Primary children.

Only a short update from me today, look out for the Friday Update at the end of the week!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mr. S. Mycroft'.

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher