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Friday, 9th June 2023

Dear Families,

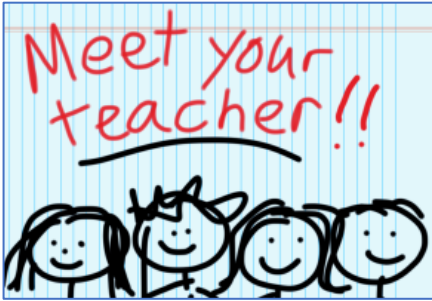
What a wonderfully sunny first week back we've had. As always, it's wonderful to hear the stories from our children's adventures and catch up with you too. Here's this week's Friday Update packed with news, celebrations and dates for your diary from all at Team Castleway. Here we go...

Welcome to our School Family!



You'll remember from Monday's update that we welcomed Oliver and Tom to our school at the start of the week. Since then, we've welcomed Octavia to Year 1 and Esme and Ruby to Years 4 & 5. This week is proof that our school is literally growing by the day. Welcome to Team Castleway, we're delighted that you're all here!

Whole School Transition Day



As a date for your diaries, we'll be having our 'Whole School Transition Day' on Wednesday 5th July. On this day, all children will spend the day with their next class teacher. You'll also notice that Year 4 have a trip planned for the 5th July. Please don't worry that they'll miss out on their day with the new teacher... their new teacher will be going with them!

I'm looking forward to sharing the news of where our wonderful staff team will be working next year as soon as I can. Watch this space!

New Reception Class Transition

We are literally counting down the days to welcome our new Reception Class to Castleway. I've written to families this week to share our transition plans. If you are the proud parent of one of our new Reception Class children but have missed the letter, please click here to book yourself on to the planned events: bit.ly/CastlewayReceptionClass2023.

Reception Class Astro Stars

As you know, Reception Class won our attendance challenge the week before half term so they've had a fabulous time on the astro this week!



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Attendance Astro Weekly Challenge!



Well done to Reception Class for having the highest percentage attendance once again this week. As they have the highest percentage attendance, they've won an extra slot on the astro each day! Attendance is really impacted by term time holidays at the moment. Whilst we understand that it is cheaper to take holidays in term time, there is a detrimental impact on children's education.

As you know, each week we'll share our class attendance scores in the Friday Update and they'll be colour coded as follows: 100% - Gold, 96 – 99% - Green, 91 – 95% - Yellow, 90% or below – Red

Attendance This Week – Week Ending 9th June 2023

Reception 98.57%	Year 2 96.25%	Year 4 93.35	Year 6 92.63%	Year 3 88.18%	Year 5 87.63%	Year 1 84.86%
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Attendance Last Week – Week Ending 26th May 2023

Reception 96.43%	Year 2 93.75%	Year 5 93.04%	Year 6 93.24%	Year 3 92.44%	Year 4 91.25%	Year 1 89%
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Come Dine with... your New Teacher!

We know that our 'Come Dine with Us' events are always popular so I thought that we'd put a little transition twist on the event. We're inviting families in to dine with their child and to have the chance to have an informal chat with their new teacher too. Please see the table below and book your place via the School Spider app.

Current Reception Class (Next Y1)	Current Year 1 Class (Next Y2)	Current Year 2 Class (Next Y3)	Current Year 3 Class (Next Y4)	Current Year 4 Class (Next Y5)	Current Year 5 Class (Next Y6)
Monday 10 th July at 11:30am.	Friday 14 th July at 11:30am.	Thursday 6 th July at 11:30am.	Thursday 13 th July at 11:30am.	Tuesday 11 th July at 11:30am.	Friday 7 th July at 11:30am.



Amazing

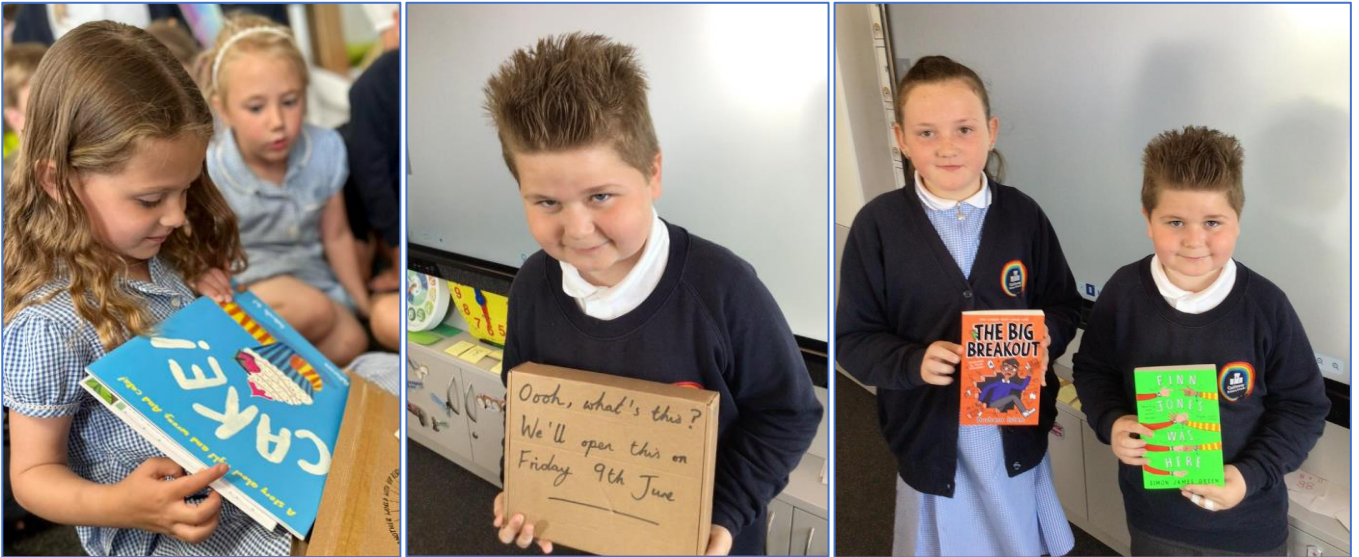
We've shared final arrangements with families for next week's Amazing concert at the Floral Pavilion. We loved it last year so we're really looking forward to taking part all over again! The letter has been sent via School Spider and there's even a rarely spotted paper version headed your way tonight! If you missed the letter, [it's available to access by clicking here.](#)

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Book Post!

As you'll know, reading is fundamental at Castleway and our #BookPost deliveries are something our classes look forward to. Year 1 and Year 4 have enjoyed their deliveries this week. It's safe to say that there may just be a little surprise for Year 2 next week...



Big Year Six Sleepover

As is now tradition at Castleway, one of the ways we celebrate our Year 6 children coming to the end of their time at our school is with the 'Big Year 6 Sleepover'. The third annual (lack of) sleepover is in the diary for Friday, 7th July.

A promotional poster for the 'Big Year 6 Sleepover'. The background is a dark blue sky with white clouds and stars. At the top center is the Castleway Primary School logo, which features a rainbow arching over a castle silhouette and the text 'Castleway Primary School' and 'Be confident. Be your best.' Below the logo, the title 'Big Year 6 Sleepover' is written in a large, white, stylized font with a blue outline. In the center, a light blue rounded rectangle contains the following text: 'As is now tradition at Castleway, one of the ways we celebrate our Year 6 children coming to the end of their time at Castleway is with the 'Big Year 6 Sleepover'. The third annual sleepover is in the diary for Friday, 7th July.'

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Forest School Timetable

As we know, our Forest School continues to be a big hit at Castleway. As it's a specialist provision and only key members of our staff are specifically trained, we do our best to timetable this amazing space to ensure that all children have some time out there. Please see the timetable updates below:

- From this coming Monday (12th June 2023), Y3 and Y1's session will take place on Mondays rather than Tuesday.
- Starting Friday 23rd June, Year 4 will have a Forest School session each Friday.
- All other sessions remain unchanged.

Come as You Are Day & Pride Picnic – 29th June 2023

After the success of last year's Pride Picnic, we're doing it all again! Thursday, 29th June will be 'Come as You Are Day' where we encourage all children to dress in a way to demonstrate who they are. We're also inviting Primary School families to join us for our second annual Pride Picnic too from 12 noon! Music, fun, togetherness and celebration!

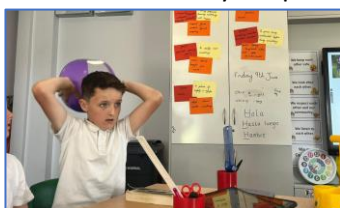
Castleway's
'Come as You Are' Day!
and
Pride Picnic
Thursday, 29th June 2023

We're proud to be an inclusive and diverse school. To celebrate the end of Pride Month, we're inviting children to come in to school wearing what ever represents them. We're also inviting parents families to join us for a special picnic lunch too!

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Hola!

We've had a wonderfully Spanish morning in Years 4, 5 and 6 this morning with our visiting specialist teacher. Ball games and lots of work on our fluency in Spanish. Well done!



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Nursery Fun in the Sun

Our Nursery School children have been having lots of fun making the most of our lovely outdoor spaces this week!



Sports Day Plans

As you'll know, we shared our dates for our sports days before half term. We're looking forward to these events!

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Family Picnic and
SPORTS DAY

Nursery School families are invited to join us for our Family Picnic and Sports Day fun and games on Wednesday, 12th July 2023.
Morning children from 10:00am and Afternoon children from 2:00pm

Castleway's
SPORTS DAY
Thursday 13th July 2023

#TeamCastleway will be taking part in a day of sporting fun to showcase our skills, strength and love of sport. Families are invited to join us from 1:30pm for our 'Traditional Sports Day' event with all of the fun and games you'd expect!

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Coffee Morning

Please remember that all Castleway families (from both schools) are invited to join Miss McDonough each Monday morning straight from drop off. Miss McDonough has strong connections with many local agencies and support groups, many of them join her on a regular basis.

We'd love to see you at Coffee Morning on Monday. Please come along.

Dates for your Diary

Please see the revised 'dates for your diary' below. Any changes, updates or amendments are detailed in yellow.

When?	What?	Who?
WB: 19/06/23	Year 2 & Reception Swimming	Year 2 and Reception children
29/06/23	Come as You Are Day	All Nursery & Primary children
29/06/23	Pride Picnic at 12 noon	Primary School Families
WB: 03/07/23	Year 1 Swimming	Year 1 children
05/07/23	Transition Day – A Day with your next teacher!	All children
05/07/23	Year 4 to World Museum	Year 4
05/07/23	Stay & Play Sessions for new Reception Families (Families to book via Google Form)	New to Reception Families
06/07/23	CDW Current Y2 Class – 11:30am	Year 2 Children & Families
06/08/23 & 07/07/23	New to Reception Class 'Come Dine with Us' – 1:30pm (Families to book via Google Form)	New to Reception Families
07/07/23	CDW Current Year 5 Class – 11:30am	Year 5 Class & Families
07/07/23	Big Year Six Sleepover	Year 6 Children
10/07/23	Year 2 Residential Visit	Year 2 children
10/07/23	CDW Current Reception Class – 11:30am	Reception Class Children & Families
11/07/23	CDW Current Year 4 Class – 11:30am	Year 4 Class & Families
12/07/23	Nursery School Family Picnic & Sports Day	Nursery School Children & Families
13/07/23	Primary School Sports Day	Primary School Children & Families
13/07/23	CDW Current Year 3 Class – 11:30am	Year 3 Class & Families
14/07/23	CDW Current Year 1 Class – 11:30am	Year 1 Class & Families
14/07/23	End of Year Reports Out to Families	All Nursery & Primary children
17/07/23	Year Six Leavers' Disco – 5 – 7pm	Year 6 Children
18/07/23	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9am	Year 6 Children and their Families
18/07/23	School's Out for Summer!	All Nursery & Primary children
04/09/23	Return to School	All Nursery & Primary children

It's been a wonderful week at Castleway and it just keeps getting better! Have a fabulous weekend and we're already looking forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

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