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Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Families,

Well, it's been a bit of a hot one this week hasn't it! The sun has been shining and it's been another wonderful week for all at Castleway. As usual, here's your Friday Update full of news and celebrations. Here we go...

## Welcome to our School Family!



As you know, there's nothing I like more than welcoming new children to the Castleway family and I'm thrilled that we've welcomed more children to join us this week. I'm delighted to welcome Skyla, Harvey and Thomas who have joined us in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. Welcome to the family, we're so happy you're here!

## Chick, chick, chickens!



It's that time of year again and we've loved watching our latest lot of chicks hatch! Thanks to the wonders of the #CastleCam, lots of you were able to watch at home too. It was a really egg-citing (sorry, couldn't resist) experience for our children (and the staff loved it too). Please remember that we work with an ethical provider for the hatching experience and our #CastleHens meaning that the welfare of all birds is at the heart of what we're doing. The video from the latest stream is still available to view. Tap the image to visit our Facebook page and relive the cracking action!



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### **Reception & Key Stage One Swimming**

Miss Dalby shared a letter this week giving details of the swimming arrangements for Reception Class and Key Stage One children. If you missed it, it's on our website as always or you can [tap here to read it now!](#) I'm proud that all Castleway children have swimming lessons each year.

### **New Reception Class Transition**

We are literally counting down the days to welcome our new Reception Class to Castleway. I sent a letter to families last 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](https://bit.ly/CastlewayReceptionClass2023).

### **Come Dine with Us!**

As shared last week, 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.

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

### **What an amaSing choir!**

What an 'amaSing' night our wonderful choir had at the Floral Pavilion this week! We're so proud of our wonderful children for letting the [#BeConfident](#) part of our motto shine. They even managed to fit in a cheeky little visit to the beach! Huge thanks to Mrs. Kay, Miss McDonough and Mr. Melvin for accompanying our children. We can't wait for next year already, Mrs. Kay has big plans!



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## Vara Sports Summer Camp at Castleway



Vara Sports are thrilled to be holding a Sports Camp at Castleway Primary School for 5 to 11 year olds and open to all children from other schools too. Children will take part in different sports each day, along with arts and crafts, enrichment activities, film club, lego club and much more!

Vara Sports aim is to give our children happy childhood memories! Vara Sports have many years of experience, and all of their staff work in schools as PE teachers/Sports coaches. As you'd expect, all of their staff are safeguarding trained, have a full clear DBS and are fully insured. Our children will be in safe hands, and Vara Sports will ensure they have a great time! Please see the [letter from Vara Sports, giving full details, by tapping here](#). The letter gives full information about the great range of discounts offered too. Places are filling up fast so if you're interested, please contact Vara Sports directly.



## National School Sports Week

Next week is National School Sports Week and, of course, we'll be getting involved! #WakeUpShakeUp is back by popular demand for the week and our Year 6 children will be leading lots of different sports activities across the week!

## Attendance Update!

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. We also understand that chicken pox is doing the rounds at the moment. [Please have a look at this NHS guidance with regards to incubation periods etc.](#)

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

Overall, school attendance this week was not anywhere near our expectations. The table below clearly shows the poor attendance scores for this week. I'm looking forward to seeing a significant improvement next week.

## Attendance This Week – Week Ending 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

<b>Year 3</b> 90.63%	<b>Year 1</b> 88.64%	<b>Reception</b> 87.14%	<b>Year 5</b> 86.60%	<b>Year 6</b> 84.21%	<b>Year 2</b> 85%	<b>Year 4</b> 83%
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How does this week compare to recent weeks? Take a look...

## Week Ending 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

<b>Reception</b> 98.57%	<b>Year 2</b> 96.25%	<b>Year 4</b> 93.35	<b>Year 6</b> 92.63%	<b>Year 3</b> 88.18%	<b>Year 5</b> 87.63%	<b>Year 1</b> 84.86%
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## Week Ending 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

<b>Reception</b> 96.43%	<b>Year 2</b> 93.75%	<b>Year 5</b> 93.04%	<b>Year 6</b> 93.24%	<b>Year 3</b> 92.44%	<b>Year 4</b> 91.25%	<b>Year 1</b> 89%
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### **Coffee Morning – Chocolate Making!**

Coffee Morning this week was even more wonderful than usual as our friends from Amber Button CIC joined us for some chocolate making as part of their wellbeing programme. All who attended had a lovely time and thoroughly enjoyed their chocolate too. Please join us on Monday morning straight from drop off when we're looking forward to a decoupage session!



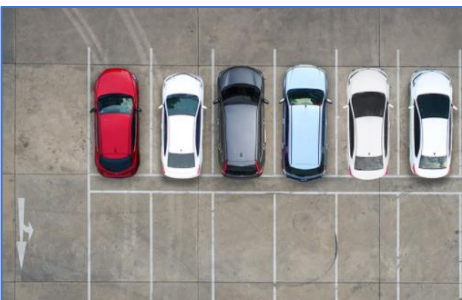
### **PE Kits & Water Bottles**

Please remember that children allowed to wear their PE kit each day as the weather is a little warmer than we're used to! Please also remember that PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt and plain black or navy-blue shorts/joggers.

It's more important than ever at the moment to ensure that our children are well hydrated so please ensure that they bring a water bottle in with them. They can, of course, refill their bottle throughout the day if they need to. Children should only bring plain water and not juice or other drinks with them.



### **Car Parking Plea**



This is a plea with regards to parking at school. If you do have to bring your car to school, please park considerably. This includes being thoughtful to our neighbours in terms of their access to driveways but also where you park on our site. Mr. Melvin and I will be introducing some new restrictions and access timings in September. We will, of course, ensure that you have plenty of notice about these changes. Any changes that we make will have the ultimate safety of our children and families in mind. Whilst some changes may be inconvenient, safety should always come first.

We have specific restrictions placed on us with regards to parking and the number of spaces that we have at school. These restrictions are not controlled by school, they are placed on us by the Local Authority and, believe it or not, Sport England also have an opinion on how we use our land too. We are doing the very best with the space that we have.



### **School Spider**

Please ensure that you have all downloaded the School Spider app on to your phone. If you're having any difficulties getting online, please call in to the office where our team will be more than happy to help.

We will be stopping using Parent Mail soon so getting set up on School Spider is essential.

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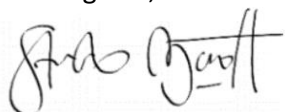
## Dates for your Diary

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 Swimming	Year 2 children
23/06/23	Year 4 Forest School	Year 4 children
WB: 26/06/23	Year 1 Swimming	Year 1 children
29/06/23	Come as You Are Day	All Nursery & Primary children
29/06/23	Pride Picnic at 12 noon	Primary School Families
30/06/23	Year 4 Forest School	Year 4 children
WB: 03/07/23	Reception Class Swimming	Reception Class children
05/07/23	Transition Day – A Day with your next teacher!	All children
05/07/23	Year 4 to World Museum	Year 4 Children
05/07/23	Stay & Play Sessions for new Reception Families ( <a href="#">Families to book via Google Form</a> )	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 ( <a href="#">Families to book via Google Form</a> )	New to Reception Families
07/07/23	CDW Current Year 5 Class – 11:30am	Year 5 Class & Families
07/07/23	Year 4 Forest School	Year 4 children
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