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Friday, 30th June 2023

Dear Families,

I know I always say it but it really has been a fabulous week at Castleway. As always, here's your Friday Update full of news, celebrations and all things Castleway!

Pride Picnic 2023

We had an amazing time at our second annual Pride Picnic and the event this year was even bigger and better than the last. We had live music from some very talented Castlewayers. Annie wowed the crowds with her impressive drumming and Kayden was fabulous playing the guitar. Mr. Melvin and Mrs. Kay were as wonderful as usual too! We invited other local schools to join us in the festivities. Huge thanks to our friends from Egremont Primary, Lingham Primary, New Brighton Primary and Co-op Academy Woodslee for taking us up on our offer and joining in the fun! All children got involved and we're proud of them for that. It really is true that we're 'Stronger Together'.



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Come as You Are Day!

We're proud of being our own authentic selves at Castleway and 'Come as You Are Day' is all about that! Children and staff dressed to express as we all let our fabulousness shine. As always, thank you for getting fully involved. We are all wonderfully unique and yesterday was all about that.



Coffee Morning Wellbeing

We had another wonderful start to the week with those who joined us for Coffee Morning on Monday. We welcomed Amber Button CIC in again for a wellbeing session. Just look at the wonderful decoupage that our talented parents created. Remember that Coffee Morning is open to all members of our community each and every Monday morning.



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CastleShop

All hands were on deck yesterday afternoon as Year 6 helped to unload the latest delivery of food from our wonderful friends [NEO Community](#). Miss McDonough will be getting the stock organised and will let you know when the #CastleShop is open again.



Rock Kidz – 8th September 2023

Save the date for another rock filled day of positivity and confidence building as Rock Kidz return to Castleway. It's a day like no other as we're all invited to rock out, showcase our individuality and have an amazing time focusing on positive relationships and what makes us special. I'm sure you won't be surprised to know that I'm already planning my outfit!



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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 better than it has been in the last couple of weeks but it was not anywhere near our expectations. The table below clearly shows the attendance scores for this week. I'm looking forward to seeing a continued improvement next week.

Well done to Year 3 for the highest score this week and a significant improvement on last week's score too!

Week Ending 30th June 2023

Year 3 98.37%	Reception 98.21%	Year 6 97.37%	Year 4 94.12%	Year 5 93.13%	Year 2 90.63%	Year 1 89.77%
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How does this week compare to recent weeks? It's much better this week than it has been. Take a look...

Week Ending 23rd June 2023

Year 4 98.89%	Reception 95.71%	Year 2 92.5%	Year 3 88.26%	Year 6 87.37%	Year 1 85.45%	Year 5 82.5%
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Week Ending 16th June 2023

Year 3 90.63%	Year 1 88.64%	Reception 87.14%	Year 5 86.60%	Year 6 84.21%	Year 2 85%	Year 4 83%
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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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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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Every Little Helps

You can vote for us from tomorrow at any of the Tesco stores listed on the flyer below. Every little really does help!

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From 1st July, you can vote for our 'Sensory Space' project to receive funding from Tesco in any of the stores listed below.

Don't forget, every little helps!

Cloughton Express, CH41 0DE | Bidston Moss Extra, CH43 7AA |
Wallasey King Street Express, CH44 0BZ | Wallasey Express, CH44 4DF |
Liscard Express, CH45 4JG | Reeds Lane Express, CH46 1QT |
Hoylake Road Moreton Express, CH46 6DG | Moreton Cross Express, CH46 8TH

Bags of Help
Please take a token

Vote now

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Strike Update for Families



As you'll be aware, the National Education Union have scheduled further strikes in their ongoing dispute with the government over funding for schools. These strikes are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July. I shared a letter to update families with our current position last week. As things stand, there are no changes to the details on the letter.

[If you missed the letter, you can access it here.](#)

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3, 2, 1... now Castle that Walk!

I loved seeing our children, staff, families and visitors let their individuality shine in yesterday's #CastleWalk at the Pride Picnic. Our motto of 'be confident' was very evident indeed! Of course, I had to have a go too...



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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: 03/07/23	Reception Class Swimming	Reception Class children
05/07/23	Year 4 trip to World Museum	Year 4 Children
06/07/23	Transition Day – A Day with your next teacher!	All children
06/07/23	Stay & Play Sessions for new Reception Families	New to Reception Families
06/07/23	CDW Current Y2 Class – 11:30am	Year 2 Children & Families
06/08/23	New to Reception Class 'Come Dine with Us' – 1:30pm	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
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	CDW Current Reception Class – 11:30am	Reception Class children & families
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
08/09/23	Rock Kidz Day	All Nursery & Primary children

We are proud. We are Castleway.

When we talk about pride and being proud, there are obvious connections to the LGBTQ+ community but one thing I am incredibly proud of about our school is the fact that we are a welcoming, inclusive place where people (children, staff, families – everyone) are encouraged to be their authentic selves. I have never felt more comfortable at work being who I am than I do here. There really is something special about our community.

We embrace and celebrate who we are and we're incredibly proud of that. I'm proud to be Castleway's Headteacher, I'm proud of our school and I'm proud of our community.

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you all on Monday for another wonderful week with plenty to be proud of at Castleway.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher



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