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Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we're at the end of our first full week back already! Our children never cease to amaze me especially when they have new experiences to deal with. It's been a wonderful week at our fabulous school and, as always, your Friday Update is here to share news and celebrations from Team Castleway. Here we go...

## Early Years – What a place!

Our youngest children have made the best start to their time at Castleway with lots of collaboration, laughter and memory making with their friends. Please remember that we have places in our Early Foundation classroom for children aged 2 and over and our Foundation One classroom for those who are 3 and 4 years old. Mrs. Morris would love the chance to talk to anyone who is interested in an Early Years place at Castleway. Get in touch!



## Violin Tuition for Years 3 & 4

There was lots of excitement in Years 3 and 4 yesterday morning as they had their first violin lesson! This is a new instrument to our children and we were very impressed by the enthusiasm and skill shown. We're already looking forward to their Christmas performance!



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## **Fantastico!**

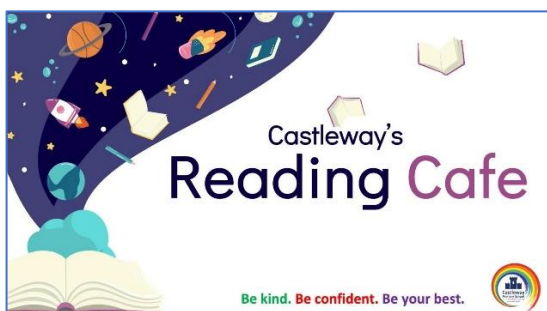
We heard lots of "fantastico" and "esdupendo" coming from our classrooms on Tuesday as our specialist Spanish teacher worked with all children from Years 1 – 6! We're looking forward to the session next week already.



## **Meet the Teacher**

Huge thanks to all who attended our Meet the Teacher meetings this week. It has been lovely to welcome you all in to school to talk about our curriculum, our expectations and our plans for the year. Your feedback about how amazing our school is looking has been wonderful to hear too.





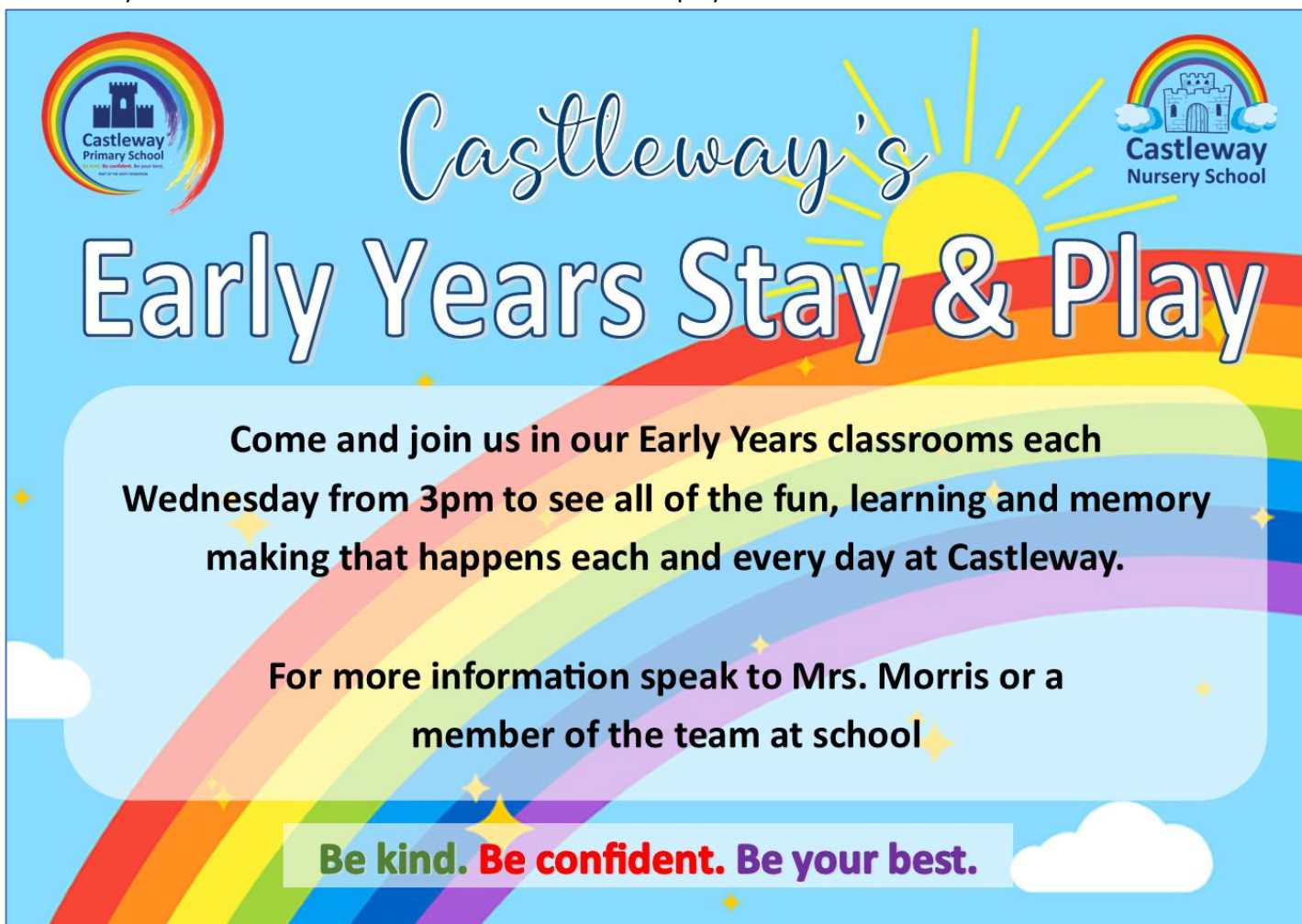
### Reading Café

Hopefully you've had chance to read the letter about our new 'Reading Café' initiative. Each half term we'll be inviting families in to school to share books with their children with rewards and incentives along the way. Don't worry if you can't make it, no one misses out at Castleway!

The letter that I shared earlier this week can be read here: <https://bit.ly/Castleway20230912>.

### Weekly Early Years Stay and Play – Come Join Us!

We're thrilled to be able to open the doors of our wonderful Early Years setting and invite families in to come and join us! Our Early Years 'Stay and Play' sessions will take place each Wednesday from 3:00pm. At the moment we're focusing on our Early Foundation and Foundation One children. We hope you can make it.



We'll let you know when this invite extends to Reception Class for families of our Foundation Two children to join in too!

### Drama Workshop Day

We are thrilled to share that we've secured a day of drama workshops for all children from Reception to Year Six.

We'll be inviting the amazing 'Perform For Schools' to Castleway on Friday 20th October with no cost at all to our families. How exciting!



### **Coffee Morning – Free Air Fryers!**

Our amazing friends at Our Happy Hub CIC gifted an air fryer to everyone who attended Coffee Morning this week to help ease the cost of living crisis. Our links with these amazing agencies are invaluable. Huge thanks to our ever-incredible Miss McDonough for all she does!



### **Tuck Shop**



Please remember that our Tuck Shop is open each Friday after school. Choosing to buy your child (or yourself) a small treat from us each Friday means that your money is going back in to our school for additional resources and events.

Thanks, as always, to Miss McDonough and her willing helpers for sorting this weekly treat!



### **Celebration Assembly**

Our first Celebration Assembly of the academic year took place yesterday and, as always it was amazing to celebrate the achievements of our children.

This assembly had an exciting new addition to proceedings. We've introduced the 'CastleWAY Award' to celebrate those children who do the right thing because it's the right thing to do.

As someone said to me yesterday, 'That's what we do at Castleway.' It certainly is!



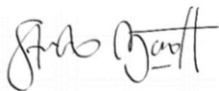
### **Dates for your Diary**

Please make a note of these initial dates for just some of the events we have planned for this term at Castleway. As always, these dates may be subject to change.

When?	What?	Who?
20/09/23	National Fitness Day <i>All children to wear Castleway PE kit today</i>	Primary School children
29/09/23	Macmillan Coffee Morning for Families	All Families
29/09/23	Cake Sale for Macmillan – Donations welcome!	Primary & Nursery children
17/10/23	Spooky Discos	Primary & Nursery children
20/10/23	Primary School Drama Workshop	All Primary children
07/11/23	Parents' Evening One (only book one appointment)	Primary & Nursery families
08/11/23	Come Dine with Foundation Two – 11:30am	Reception Class families
09/11/23	Parents' Evening Two (only book one appointment)	Primary & Nursery families
15/11/23	Come Dine with Year One – 11:30am	Year One families
29/11/23	Come Dine with Year Two – 11:30am	Year Two families
12/01/24	Whole School Panto Visit – Aladdin <i>(Payments now available on School Spider)</i>	Primary School children

Once again, a fabulous week for Castleway. I hope you all have a fabulous weekend and I'm already looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher

