



# We are Castleway.

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Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Families,

Well, the weather has certainly kept us on our toes this week hasn't it! Thanks to everyone who has done their best to weather proof their children this week. We've literally gone from umbrellas to sunglasses and back again! As always, here's your Friday Update full of all of the latest from Team Castleway. Here goes...

## **World Mental Health Day - Keep that balloon afloat!**

We loved starting World Mental Health Day with a wonderful assembly with Mrs. McCarthy. We all used the 'Hello Yellow' balloons to think about what we can do to 'keep our own mental health from going too low' and ways to help our friends 'bounce back'. We're proud of how we prioritise mental health and wellbeing at Castleway.



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### Year 1 are University ready!

Miss Dalby and some representatives from Year One were delighted to be invited to Liverpool Hope University to showcase how we teach phonics for PGCE students because... that's the Castle Way! Our incredible children showcased their phonics skills in front of over 100 trainee teachers. How incredible is that!



### Hello Yellow!

We had a great day on Tuesday saying 'Hello Yellow!' and showing our support for the amazing [Young Minds](#) charity as part of World Mental Health Day. Lots of talk around mental health and wellbeing but, of course, lots of learning and making memories with friends as standard too! We're proud of our commitment to positive mental health all year round.



### EFL National Cup

We're really proud of the members of our team who represented us at the EFL National Cup this week. In the end, we lost out by one goal but our team did us incredibly proud as you'd expect. Also, congratulations to Ollie for his first outing as Captain for the match. Here's to the next game!





### **Cheque us out!**

Well, that was an exciting addition to the morning on Tuesday. After a quick change from our 'Hello Yellow' outfits, Miss McDonough, our two wonderful Captains and I visited Tesco Heswall to be presented with the £5,000 cheque that we've won as part of their 'Stronger Starts' campaign. Our Captains were also treated to a lolly ice to which we were told, 'This is better than the £5,000!'. We are so excited to see the difference that this money will make to our school community.

### **Fabulous Forest School**

Year 2 loved returning to Forest School today. Our Forest School really is a magical place that allows our children to develop confidence, learn new skills and, most of all, make memories with their friends because 'that's the Castle Way'. As usual, there will be a timetable shared showing when all of our children will be accessing our incredible Forest School.



### **It's not just our children who love Forest School...**

It wasn't just our children who were glad to be in our magnificent Forest School space this week... Mr. Davies was delighted too! Mr. Davies was leading by example with the 'be confident' part of our motto shining. Well done, Mr. D!



### Years 3 & 4 Violin

Years 3 and 4 are already producing some beautiful music together in their violin lessons. They impressed us all this week with how quickly they are progressing! Look out for the date of their special Christmas Performance very soon!



### Playing, Learning and Laughing in Early Years

Our children in Early Years love their days filled with nursery rhymes, music, painting and more. The children are enjoying leading their own learning by applying taught skills. The progress that our youngest children are making really is something special.



### Reading Café

Our Reading Cafe really is a special highlight each and every week. Huge thanks to all who were able to join us and special thanks, once again, to our wonderful Reading Buddies who absolutely love reading with our younger children. Reading Café will continue to be for children and families in Year 1 & 2 for the remainder of this term. We'll be welcoming children and families from Years 3 & 4 to Reading Café in the new year.



### **Cauliflower Cards – Back again**

After the huge success last year, Castleway is once again taking part in the 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school. Each class has been busy creating their own Christmas design which can be professionally printed to produce personalised Christmas cards, gift labels, wrapping paper and/or mugs. You should have already received an order form from us with your child's Christmas design. Orders and payment can be **placed online** using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to the order form for further instructions. When you have ordered online please **return the form** to your class teacher. We will then send the form off to Cauliflower cards for the design to be printed.

**All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.** Your orders will be delivered to school by the beginning of December. We're sure you'll love your child's wonderful design whether you choose to purchase or not. We have some wonderfully creative children at Castleway.



### **Mental Health Awareness: Level One**

We're so proud of everyone who is now one step closer to achieving our first accredited course: Level One in Mental Health Awareness. Our families are showing our children that #WeAreAlwaysLearning. As you can see from the photo, they're having a great time too!



### Youth Connect 5

Week 4 of Youth Connect 5 for our wonderful group has been all about 'How do I listen to my child?' and 'How do I support my child when they are in a hard place?'. We love how our links with these amazing community agencies are providing such great opportunities for our families.



### Reception Class Family Reading Workshop – 30/10/23

Calling all Reception Class families! Join Miss Dalby and Mrs. Morris in the hall for a brew and biscuit on Monday 30th October at 2:45pm. Information will be shared on how support your child with reading and phonics at home and answer any questions you may have.

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**Family Reading Workshop**  
Monday 30th October at 2:45pm

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Primary School  
We learn. We laugh. We play.  
We are the best!



### Year Two's Harvest Assembly – 19/10/23

As is now tradition at Castleway, Y2 will be leading our annual Harvest Assembly this year. You're all invited to join us on 19th October. Pop in to the hall straight from drop off for a brew and a biscuit before Y2 dazzle us from 9:15am.



Year 2 invite you to join them for their  
**Harvest Assembly**  
Thursday 19th October at 9:15am

Join us straight from drop off in the hall for a brew and a biscuit. We hope you can make it.

As usual, we'll be collecting donations for our local food bank. But please only donate what you can, if you can.



### Halloween Swap Shop

With our Spooky Disco and EYFS Spooky Fun Day approaching, we're organising a Halloween Outfit Swap Shop to support our families. If you have any Halloween outfits that are still in good condition that you're happy to donate for our Swap Shop, please pass them to Miss McDonough or the School Office. We'll hold our Swap Shop before Wednesday 18th October meaning you'll have some 'new to you' outfits before our spooky day and in plenty of time for Halloween!



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## 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.

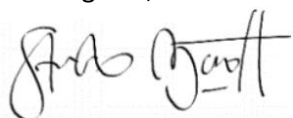
When?	What?	Who?
17/10/23	Castleway's Open Day! Call in to see us any time between 9:00am and 5:30pm.	All Community Members and Prospective Families
18/10/23	Spooky Discos	Primary & Nursery children
20/10/23	Primary School Drama Workshop	All Primary children
20/10/23	Half Term Break	All children and families
30/10/23	Return to School	All children and families
30/10/23	Reading Workshop for Reception Families – 3pm	Reception Class Families
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
22/11/23	Year One to Liverpool Museum	Year One children
28/11/23	Individual Photographs	Primary & Nursery children
29/11/23	Come Dine with Year Two – 11:30am	Year Two families
12/01/24	Whole School Panto Visit – Aladdin (Payments now available on School Spider)	Primary School children
04/02/24	Years 4 & 5 Residential Visit	Years 4 & 5 children

There is always so much to celebrate at Castleway and writing these updates each week really helps me remember that we really are a fabulous school with so much to be proud of. We're a place where everyone is welcome, where differences are celebrated and a place where our corridors are filled with laughter each and every day.

**We are the rainbow. We are Castleway.**

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, whatever you choose to do, and we'll see you all on Monday.

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher

