



We are Castleway.

Be kind. Be confident. Be your best.



Friday, 20th October 2023

Dear Families,

We've reached the end of the first half term of this new school year. Time really does fly when you're having fun doesn't it! We've had so much to celebrate this half term and, the best bit is, there's more to come! Here's your look back at our wonderful week at Castleway...

Spooky Fun in EYFS

Nursery & Reception had a wonderfully spooky day on Wednesday. From spider filled provision to the monster mash in the disco, our youngest children had the best time. Thank you, as always, to our wonderful team for providing even more opportunities for our children to learn, have fun and make memories together.



Governing Board Update



We held our first Full Governing Body meeting of the academic year this week and, as always, the elections for Chair and Vice Chair took place. I am thrilled to announce to you all that **Mr. Melvin** is our new **Chair of Governors** meaning that his connection with our school can continue even now that he has his new role. It was wonderful to catch up with Mr. Melvin and I'm looking forward to working with

him in his new capacity this academic year. Now, every Chair needs their Vice Chair and I'm really pleased to announce that our very own Mrs. Eccles has been elected as Vice Chair of Governors for this academic year. Mrs. Eccles is on our board as Parent Governor and brings lots of experience with her to this role too. I'm looking forward to working with both of our new dynamic duo this year. Exciting times indeed!

Headteacher: Mr. S. Mycroft

Castleway Primary School & Castleway Nursery School, Castleway North, Moreton, Wirral, CH46 1RN

☎: (0151) 677 2953 ✉: schooloffice@castleway.wirral.sch.uk 🌐: www.castleway.wirral.sch.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WeAreCastleway Twitter: www.twitter.com/WeAreCastleway Instagram: [@WeAreCastleway](https://www.instagram.com/WeAreCastleway)



Spooky Discos

The whole Castleway community enjoyed our Spooky Discos on Wednesday. Everyone from our 2 years old in Early Foundation right through to Year 6 (and even our staff too) had a fabulous time dancing and making memories with their friends.



Open Day Success

We are truly proud of who we are and we are so proud of our school. We have been touched by the sheer amount of people who joined us for Open Day on Tuesday. We love talking about our school and showing off #TheCastleWay of doing things. Castleway really is a special place and we're thrilled that more and more families are choosing us. Due to popular demand, we will be sharing details of extra Open Days and events very soon. Keep an eye out in all of the usual places.



Year 2's Harvest Festival

Year 2 got us all in a wonderfully autumnal mood yesterday morning with their fabulous Harvest assembly. We were so impressed with all of their amazingly confident performances! Huge thanks to all of our families who were able to join us too. It's always an absolute pleasure to be able to invite our families in to school to join us!



Halloween & Bonfire Safety Reminder

We had a visit from our local officers Daz and Neil at the start of the week to lead an assembly about the importance of fire safety especially at this time of year. It's great to welcome our local officers in to school to allow our children to build respectful relationships with these important local figures.



Perform for Schools Drama Workshop

We've ended this half term by welcoming the amazing Perform for Schools to Castleway. Each class from Reception to Year 6 have enjoyed working with the incredible Rochine today and it's been lovely to see our children's performance skills shine. Once again, the 'be confident' part of our school motto has been proved to be true at Castleway!



Parents' Evening – Autumn Term

We have now opened bookings for our Autumn Term Parents' Evening. All bookings are to be made through School Spider. Unfortunately, as we are still officially two separate schools, you will need to book your primary and nursery appointments separately. Following feedback from families, we're now offering the choice of two days. You only need to book one appointment on either of the days. We love celebrating our wonderful children with you and hope that you're able to make it. If you can't make the advertised dates, please speak to your child's class teacher.



- Day one: Tuesday 7th November - 3:30 - 6:00pm
- Day two: Thursday 9th November - 3:30 - 5:00pm

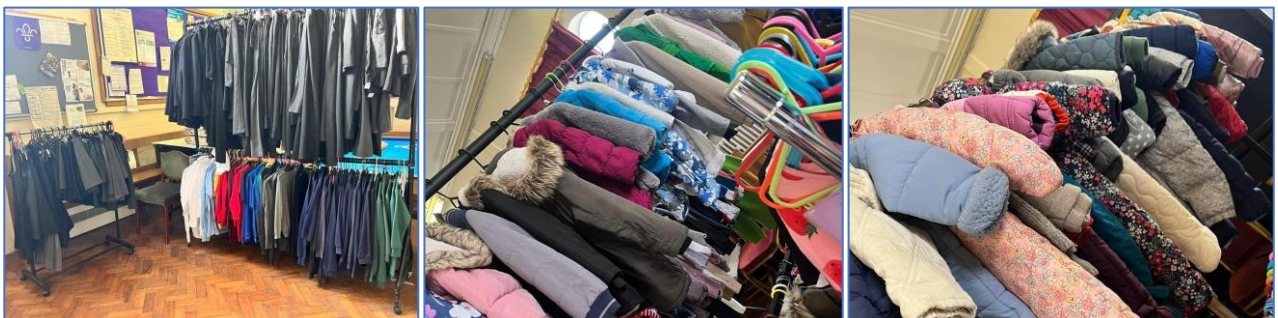
Parent Governor Nominations



We are looking for another Parent Governor to join Mrs. Eccles on our Governing Board. Parent governors are representative parents rather than representatives of parents. At this point we're just looking for nominations so if you're interested or think you know someone who might be, please [follow the link](#) and complete the short form. Nominations should be made before Friday 10th November. The form to complete nominations can be found here: <https://bit.ly/CastlewayParentGovernorNominations>.

St. Chad's Swap Shop

Miss McDonough visited the wonderful team at St. Chad's Swap Shop on Tuesday morning. Free pre-loved clothes, coats and uniform items for the community to browse. Remember that it's open each Tuesday 10:30am - 1:30pm.



Castle Tots – Parent and Toddler Group

Due to popular demand, we're thrilled to announce our new parent and toddler group... Castle Tots! Starting after half term, we're going to be hosting our own group each Tuesday morning from 9:30am. We'll be inviting parents and their tots (all ages are welcome) to join us from 9:30am during term time for our Castle Tots sessions. As always, and as you will have come to expect from Castleway, all members of our community and their little ones are welcome!



The poster features a vibrant background with a large rainbow on the left, white clouds, and green hills. In the top right corner is the Castleway Primary School logo, which includes a castle icon and the motto 'Be kind. Be confident. Be your best.' Below the logo, the text 'Castle Tots' is written in large, white, bubbly letters with a blue outline. Underneath, 'Parent & Toddler Sessions at Castleway' is written in a smaller, red, bubbly font. A central yellow box contains the following text: 'We're thrilled to invite all parents and tots (all ages are welcome) to join us each Tuesday morning from 9:30am during term time for our Castle Tots sessions. As always, all members of our community and their little ones are welcome!' At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'Castleway Primary School, Castleway North, CH46 1RN Headteacher: Mr. Stuart Mycroft', a phone number '(0151) 677 2954', a website 'www.castleway.wirral.sch.uk', and social media handles 'Find us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @WeAreCastleway'.

Reception Class in Forest School

Reception Class had a magical time in Forest School this week. So much learning takes place in our Forest School and the children don't even realise! Just look at that smile, it really does say it all!



Youth Connect 5 – Amazing Achievements!

It was the last week of Youth Connect 5 for our dedicated group of participants on Wednesday! Our amazing group have completed 5 weeks of learning together: laughter, tears and self-reflection with lots of learning! Well done to our superheroes. They're showing our children that we really are always learning.



Curriculum Celebration Afternoon

I'm excited to share news of our 'Curriculum Celebration Afternoons' with you. Each term we'll be inviting families of children in Reception – Year 6 in to school to look through children's books and take part in a fun session all around celebrating the amazing things that your children are achieving at Castleway.

You are invited to join us for Castleway's

Curriculum Celebration Afternoons

Each term, we'll be celebrating the learning from each of our classes by inviting families to join us for an afternoon of fun, celebration and good old fashioned Castleway collaboration.

Foundation 2 - Monday 4th December - 14:30
Years 1 & 2 - Monday 11th December - 14:30
Year 3 - Tuesday 12th December - 14:30
Year 4 - Wednesday 13th December - 14:30
Year 5 - Thursday 14th December - 14:30
Year 6 - Friday 15th December - 14:30



Be kind. Be confident. Be your best.



We are Readers. We are Castleway.

Save the date for our Books at Bedtime and Campfire Stories events! Books at Bedtime is for Reception (F2), Year 1 & Year 2 and our Campfire Stories event is for KS2 (Years 3 - 6). As always, families can wait in the hall with a brew for both events. We are excited about these events to further showcase our love of reading and make some memories!

Reception, Year 1 and 2 are invited to join us for

Books at Bedtime

Tuesday 21st November - 5:00pm - 5:45pm

Get cosy in your pyjamas, bring your favourite teddy and come join us for hot chocolate and favourite stories. Families are welcome to wait in the hall with a brew and a biscuit or drop off and pick up at the times stated. We are readers. We are Castleway.



Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to join us for

Campfire Stories

Thursday 23rd November

Years 3 and 4 - 4:15- 5:00pm
Years 5 and 6 - 5:00-5:45pm

Children are to be dropped off and collected from the main office. As always, families are welcome to wait in the hall with a biscuit and a brew!



Halloween Party at The Addy

Our friends at The Addy have asked us to share this flyer with you. Fun and games, fancy dress, food and drink and prizes to be won on Tuesday 26th October between 1pm and 4pm. We hope you can make it!



HALLOWEEN PARTY
THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER
1PM - 4PM
LEASOWE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

FANCY-DRESS
PRIZES
FOOD & DRINK
FUN & GAMES
ALL WELCOME

The flyer features a spooky Halloween night scene with a full moon, bare trees, and flying bats. In the foreground, two glowing jack-o'-lanterns sit on a wooden plank path. The text is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font.



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?
20/10/23	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) *Bookings are now live via School Spider*	Primary & Nursery families
08/11/23	Come Dine with Foundation 2 (Reception Class) – 11:30am	Reception Class families
09/11/23	Parents' Evening Two (only book one appointment) *Bookings are now live via School Spider*	Primary & Nursery families
WB: 11/12/23	Curriculum Celebration Afternoons	Years 1 – 6 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 <i>(Payments now available on School Spider)</i>	Primary School children
04/02/24	Years 4 & 5 Residential Visit	Years 4 & 5 children

Christmas Events and Activities

Please don't be cross with me for mentioning Christmas before you've even removed the Halloween pumpkin from your doorstep but, as you know, we like to make sure you've got as much notice as possible for our events and activities as we love welcoming you in to school to join us. Here's our initial plans for a fabulously festive time at Castleway. As always, some dates may be subject to change.

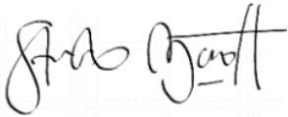
When?	What?	Who?
01/12/23	Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly	Primary School Children
06/12/23	A Very Castleway Christmas Festive Arts & Crafts Stay and Play – 10:45 & 14:30	Nursery School Children
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day <i>There will be a 'jumper swap' event in November.</i>	Primary School & Nursery School Children
07/12/23	Community Christmas Fayre	Our whole community!
08/12/23	Y2 – Y6 Christmas Concert – 9:30 & 14:30	Years 2 – 6 Families
18/12/23	Reception & Year 1 Nativity – 9:30 & 14:30	Reception Class & Year 1 Families
19/12/23	Early Years Winter Fun Day – Non-uniform	Nursery & Reception Class Children
19/12/23	Winter Discos	Nursery – Year 6
20/12/23	Songs Around the Christmas Tree	Nursery School Families
20/12/23	Christmas Dinner Day	Nursery – Year 6
21/12/23	End of Term	Primary & Nursery School Children
08/01/24	Return to School – Happy New Year	Primary & Nursery School Children



What a half term this has been. It is my absolute pleasure to be the Headteacher of such an amazing school community. I would like to extend my warmest thanks to our wonderful staff team who have made sure that the start of the academic year has been such a positive one. As always, thank you to our fabulous families for choosing our school and ensuring that you are as involved as you can be in school life.

I'm already looking forward to the next half term. Have a wonderful break and we'll see you all, safe and well, on Monday 30th October 2023 at the usual times.

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher

