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Friday, 3rd November 2023

Dear Families,

Well, it's the end of another wonderful week in the ever fabulous Castleway. As always, here's your Friday Update full of news, celebrations and updates. Here we go...

Come Dine with Reception

We had a lovely start to our 'Come Dine with Us' events for this half term on Wednesday. As you'll know, our families are a big part of what makes Castleway so special and that's why we love welcoming you all in to school to join us. Thanks to all who came along and thank you to our wonderful kitchen team for cooking so many extra meals for us, they were delicious! Remember, it's Year 1's turn next week.



#CastleNails...

We're starting to the end of our current well-being sessions with Amber Button CIC. This week, our talented parents have been concentrating on self-care and are learning how to apply gel polish. Each of our learners will receive a full kit to take home and continue the practice! Keep an eye out for franchises of Castle Nails Salons opening near you!



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Christmas... Done the Castle Way!

Christmas... done the Castle way! As you know, we shared our Christmas dates with you on 20th October in our but as there have been some exciting additions, we're sharing them again in this rather festive montage!

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FREE Christmas Jumper Swap Shop 1st December 2023 What time? Before & After School	A Very Castleway Christmas Nursery Arts & Craft Stay & Play 6th December 2023 - 10:45am & 2:30pm Who? Nursery School Children & Families	Christmas Jumper Day 7th December 2023 Who? Primary & Nursery School Children & Staff
Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly 1st December 2023 Who? Primary & Nursery School Children	Christmas Concert - Years 2 - 6 8th December 2023 - 9:30am & 2:30pm Who? Families of children in Years 2 - 6.	Years 3 & 4 Violin Performance 14th December 2023 - 9:30am Who? Families of children in Years 3 & 4
Community Christmas Fayre 7th December 2023 - 3:25pm Who? As always, all are welcome!		Breakfast with Santa! 12th, 13th & 14th December - 9:30am All children and families are welcome to book a place. Bookings via School Spider or contact the School Office.
Reception & Year 1 Nativity 18th December 2023 - 9:30am & 2:30pm Who? Families of children in Reception & Y1	Early Years Winter Fun Day 19th December 2023 - Non-Uniform for EYFS Who? Children in Nursery School & Reception	Winter Discos 19th December 2023 Who? Primary & Nursery School Children
Songs Around the Christmas Tree 20th December 2023 - 10:30am & 2:30pm Who? Nursery School Families	Finish for Christmas - Thursday 21st December Back to School - Monday 8th January 2024	Ho, ho, hold on! There's more to come...

Castle Tots

Another week and another fabulous Castle Tots session! We loved welcoming some of the youngest members our community in to our school. Remember that everyone is welcome at our parent and toddler group each and every Tuesday during term time. We're already looking forward to next week!





Parents' Evening

We loved welcoming our families to school on Tuesday and Thursday for the first Parents' Evening of the academic year. We absolutely love celebrating our wonderful children and we know that loved reading the comments you left for them too! It's also safe to say that the #CastleCrèche was a hit too. Thank you for the positive feedback about this addition to our Parents' Evening arrangements and huge thanks to our wonderful team for staffing this for us!

CAHMS at Coffee Morning

We loved welcoming CAHMS in to our community Coffee Morning on Monday. It was great for our families to have the chance to chat informally and get support from CAHMS (and each other too) this morning. We're thrilled that we'll be hosting a Thrive Workshop, facilitated by CAHMS, on 27th November. If you'd like more information, please see Miss McDonough or Mrs. McCarthy.



Team Points Challenge

All children in the Primary School are grouped in to 'teams' named after different inspirational people. Children are awarded 'Team Points' when they go over and above or show our school core values in day to day life. This term, our teams are working together for the prize of a non-uniform day before we finish for Christmas. The team with the most points will have a non-uniform day that's just for them! We have ensured that siblings are in the same teams to avoid any sibling rivalry! Team point totals are shared each week in our celebration assembly.

Team
Angelou
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Team
Attenborough
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Team
Hawking
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Team
Yousafzai
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Castleway will be supporting **CHILDREN IN NEED** Friday, 17th November

Once again, we're showing that Castleway cares! We're holding a non-uniform day and cake sale to support the BBC Children in Need appeal on Friday 17th November. As always, all donations are welcome.



Birthday Non-Uniform Reminder

Please remember that all children (and staff for that matter) are welcome to have their own non-uniform day to celebrate their birthday! If their birthday falls at the weekend (or on a day that we're already having a non-uniform day or celebration) they're welcome to choose a day close to their special day. Doing this means that all children who aren't in uniform will get the big 'Happy Birthday' greeting from all members of Team Castleway.



A whole (hedge)hog of excitement!

Do you remember the excitement that a dog on the playground would cause when you were younger? Well, imagine the commotion that a hedgehog on the playground caused during our #CastleCrèche after school on Tuesday! Don't worry, no hedgehogs were harmed in the sharing of this news!



Movember Coffee Morning

Save the date for our Movember Coffee Morning in aid of Prostate Cancer UK. We'll also be holding a charity cake sale for this wonderful cause too! If you're able to donate any cakes for our sale, please see Miss McDonough.



Join us for Castleway's

MOVEMBER

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 29th November at 9am

In 2003, a movement for men's health started. A movement that has since funded over 1,320 men's health projects around the world, challenging the status quo, shaking up men's health research and transforming how men are supported. Join us for our 'Movember' Coffee Morning as we raise funds for and awareness of The Prostate Cancer Charity.

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Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of these dates for just some of the events we have planned. These dates may be subject to change.

When?	What?	Who?
15/11/23	Come Dine with Year One – 11:30am	Year One families
16/11/23	Years 5 & 6 Residential Visit Parents' Meeting	Years 5 & 6 families
17/11/23	Children in Need – Non-uniform Day – Donations welcome	All children and staff
21/11/23	Books at Bedtime – Reception Class & KS1	Reception & KS1 Children
22/11/23	Year One to Liverpool Museum	Year One children
23/11/23	Campfire Stories – KS2	KS2 Children
28/11/23	Individual Photographs	Primary & Nursery children
29/11/23	Movember Coffee Morning for Prostate Cancer UK	All families
29/11/23	Open Day – Second date added due to popular demand	All potential families
30/11/23	Final Year 1 & 2 Reading Cafe	Years 1 & 2 families
29/11/23	Come Dine with Year Two – 11:30am	Year Two families
WB: 11/12/23	Curriculum Celebration Afternoons	Years 1 – 6 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
23/05/24	Year 6 Residential Visit to Gulliver's World	Year 6 children



Christmas Events and Activities

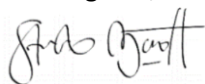
Now, all being well these dates match those shared in the festive flyer further up the Friday Update. As always, if you have any questions please get in touch.

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
14/12/23	Years 3 & 4 Violin Performance for Families	Years 3 & 4 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 (winter themed)	Nursery & Reception Class Children
19/12/23	Winter Discos	Nursery – Year 6
20/12/23	Songs Around the Christmas Tree – 10:30 & 14:30	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

I would just like to thank you all for the continued support and, quite frankly, pride that you all show in our school. We really wouldn't be able to do what we do for our children without the support of you all at home too. Our school is a special place and, while we're not perfect, we know that Castleway's magic is down to each and every one of us playing our part. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you all on Monday.

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher

