



We are Castleway.

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Friday, 17th November 2023

Dear Families,

What a wonderfully busy week at Castleway. From football with Tranmere Rovers to Reading Café and food hamper deliveries to cake sales, it's all been going on! As always, here's your Friday Update filled with news, celebrations and all things Castleway. There is always so much to be proud of at Castleway and this week is no exception. Here we go...

Children in Need Day

Huge thanks to everyone for your support today, we've looked even more colourful than usual! We've had another fun (cake filled) day but whilst raising awareness of the great work Children in Need do too. Huge well done to Jackson in Y4 for winning our Pudsey raffle too! As always, there are more photos from our day on our social media accounts.



The National Spelling Competition

This week, we have been taking part in The National Spelling Competition alongside almost 450 from across the country. After finishing IN FIRST POSITION (with an incredible 12,056 correct answers in three days) in our league, we have reached THE NATIONAL FINALS! That means that we've made it in to the top 32 schools in the country. Oh, Castleway may be small but we sure are mighty!



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Tranmere Rovers in the Community – Spreading Kindness

Two of our Year 3 children loved being on hand to receive this incredible donation from our friends at Tranmere Rovers in the Community. We're very grateful for these amazing hampers as we know how much they'll help our families.



World Kindness Day

As Monday was World Kindness Day, some of our Year 5 & 6 children ventured out in to our community to share some small acts of kindness to our wonderful community. If you were lucky enough to receive one, we hope you enjoyed it!



Year One at Liverpool Hope

We're so proud of our wonderful Year One children who worked with Miss Dalby to model what great phonics teaching looks like for a group of trainee teachers at Liverpool Hope University earlier this week. Their confidence was inspiring to see and we're so proud of them!



Castle Tots – Our busiest group yet!

We loved opening our doors today for another wonderful Castle Tots session on Tuesday. Seeing our hall full of so many happy, smiling faces is an absolute joy. Huge thanks to all who joined us for our busiest group yet. We even welcomed our youngest Castle Tot too! We're already excited for next week. Remember that Castle Tots is free, runs every Tuesday from 9:30am and all are welcome to join us.



SENDLO Live

You're all invited to a marketplace event publicising the 'local offer' of support options for children and young people with special educational needs (SEND) is being held in New Brighton.

The event, hosted by Wirral Council's SEND team, takes place on Thursday 23 November at the Floral Pavilion and will bring all things SEND in the borough to one place to help families see what support is on offer.

No booking is needed, please just turn up!

For more information please visit the fabulous new SENDLO website:

www.sendlowirral.co.uk

SENDLO

Wirral's Local Offer of SEND services

LIVE

A marketplace event of SEND services,
Live Performances and Workshops,
Have Your Say, Sensory Corner
and much more.

Join
Us

Floral Pavilion, New Brighton
Thursday 23rd November 2023
1pm-8pm

No booking needed. Just turn up.
For more information visit sendlowirral.co.uk

 **WIRRAL**



Vara Sports Christmas Camp!

After the successful partnership with our Summer Camps, Vara Sports & Education are thrilled to announce they are running a Christmas Sports Camp at Castleway. The camp will have a mixture of fun sports, arts and crafts and lots of Christmas enrichment projects too. If you wish to book, please contact Vara directly. You will find their booking form on ALL of their social media channels (Facebook, Instagram & Twitter).

For more information, visit <https://vara-sports.classforkids.io>, text 07389739176 or email admin@varasports.co.uk.

Reading Café

We welcomed our families in for another wonderful Reading Café this week for Years 1 and 2. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to our Year 6 Reading Buddies for making sure everyone has someone to read with every week!



Come Dine with Us

We loved inviting our Year One families to 'Come Dine with Us' on Wednesday. Having our families so involved in school life is one of the things that makes Castleway so special. Thanks, once again, to our wonderful kitchen team for a fabulous lunch! It's Year 2's turn to dine with their families on Wednesday 29th November. Please book your place through our School Spider app.



It's Wonderful in Early Years

It's been a lovely week in Early Years. Children have been learning about emotions, making gingerbread and being mechanics. Just look at the fun, learning and memory making that has been happening in our wonderful Early Years department this week! Remember that there are still some places available in our Early Foundation (2 Year Olds) and Foundation One classes. Contact the school office or speak to Mrs. Morris for further information.



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.

So far, the scores on the doors are...



Forest School – Smiles Galore!

I'm often asked why we post and share so much about our Forest School and the wonderful time that our children have in this unique space. Just look at those smiles, that's the answer!



Breakfast with Santa

As you know, we're thrilled to be inviting you to join us for Breakfast with Santa in December. Please make all bookings through the School Spider app. For clarity, you only need to book for one child as you're booking a family ticket. Your family ticket covers entry for siblings and one adult to our magical breakfast event. As always, if you have any questions please get in touch with our wonderful team in the office and they'll be more than happy to help.



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!

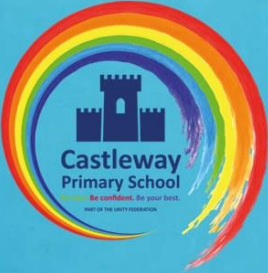
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| FREE Christmas Jumper Swap Shop 1st December 2023 What time? Before & After School | A Very Castleway Christmas Nursery Arts & Craft Stay & Play 6th December 2023 - 10:45am & 2:30pm Who? Nursery School Children & Families | Christmas Jumper Day 7th 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... |
| Christmas Dinner Day 20th December 2023 | | |



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? |
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| 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 (Payments now available on School Spider) | 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 |



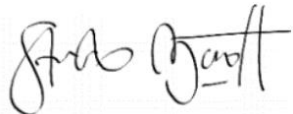
Christmas Events and Activities

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? |
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| 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 |

As you can see, it really has been a great week at Castleway and, as always, there's plenty of things still to come too! Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you all, safe and well, on Monday at the usual times.

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher

