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Friday, 1st December 2023

Dear Families,

Well just like that, it's December! We've had a fabulously Christmassy day today celebrating the start of December and it's safe to say that Castleway is well and truly in the festive spirit! Remember that we've got lots of events to look forward to before we finish for Christmas. As always, here's your Friday Update with all of the usual Castleway fabulousness...

Deck the Castle Halls...

As is now tradition, we had a lovely Christmas Tree decorating assembly this morning where each and every child got to add their own handmade Christmas decoration to one of our trees. Our children adding something that they have made themselves to our tree means that little bit more and we're sure you'll agree that they're stunning!



Captains with Dame Angela Eagle MP

Our Captains were invited to meet Angela Eagle MP and the manager of the Food Bank Wirral today to discuss the vital work that food banks do in our community. Angela explained what her role is and how she is working to tackle some of the factors that cause food poverty in our area. Richard from the Food Bank Wirral told our children all about how there's a local opportunity for our families each Tuesday morning at St. Chad's. We were very proud of our children's mature response to this very emotive subject that is so close to all of us right now. Well done, Captains!



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Feeling Fabulously Festive

What a brilliant way to start December! Our children have all loved adding their handmade decorations to one of our Christmas trees today. From our youngest children in Early Foundation to our oldest children in Year Six, they're all represented because... #ThatsTheCastleWay! When you're next in school, please do have a look at our trees. If you're feeling more Grinch than Father Christmas, they'll cheer you right up!



Book Advent Calendar

Another tradition at Castleway is our 'Book Advent Calendar'! Each day in December, our Captains will deliver a festive book treat to one of our classes. Books and presents, what's not to love! The first delivery was made today...



Fabulous Futsall!



We were thrilled to attend an Inclusive Futsall tournament hosted by the amazing Tranmere Rovers in the Community on Wednesday. Our Y5/6 team impressed everyone with their football skills, their team approach and showing #TheCastleWay of doing things. Our team went on to win the second cup of the day!

Our children loved posing for this 'classic style photo' as they're a classic Team Castleway victory!



Remember, remember... it's been Movember!

We 'moustache' you a question... Was your Wednesday morning as fun as ours? From our Movember Coffee Morning to a delicious cake sale, we've loved reminding everyone that #CastlewayCares by raising awareness of Prostate Cancer UK. As you'd expect, we have had some trademark Castleway fun in the process!



Every Little (Donation) Helps!

Thanks to the amazing Debbie from Tesco for once again proving that #EveryLittleHelps by supporting the community with a lovely donation of raffle prizes for our Christmas Fayre. Remember that our Community Christmas Fayre is taking place on Thursday 6th December straight after school.



Curriculum Celebration Afternoons

As originally shared in October, we're looking forward to welcoming our Reception Class families in to school on Monday for the first of our Curriculum Celebration Afternoons! We love celebrating children's achievements with our families.

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



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Castleway's Christmas Champions

This year we're introducing our Christmas Community Champion Awards! Help us celebrate the champions in our community. Is there someone who you know who goes over and above for our community each and every day? Is there someone who is an absolute 'unsung hero' who you'd like to sing about? Share their details via the Google Form and let us celebrate them for you! You can nominate here: <https://bit.ly/CastlewayCommunityChampions>.



Fabulous Photos!

On Tuesday, our library was transformed into a photo studio as our children enjoy posing for their individual photographs. You're going to love these photos! Even better than fabulous photographs, the company who create these special memories for us have also planted a tree in our name to help offset their carbon footprint!





Open Day... the sequel!

Huge thanks to everyone who took the time to join us on Wednesday for our second Open Day of this academic year. The fact that so many of you are considering us as the school of choice for your child is truly heart-warming. If you haven't yet made your application for F2 for September 2023, there's still time to do it! All applications must be made through Wirral's portal before the closing date in January. You can access the portal via this quick link: <https://bit.ly/CastlewayApplications>.

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?
04/12/23	Reception Curriculum Celebration Afternoon	Reception Class families
WB: 11/12/23	Curriculum Celebration Afternoons – Y1-Y6	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?
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	Primary & 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

At the end of what has been a particularly frosty week but a fabulously festive one, I wish you a lovely weekend and I'll see you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

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