



# We are Castleway.

**Be kind. Be confident. Be your best.**



Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Families,

Another wonderful #CastleWeek has already come to an end. I've been so proud of our school this week (even more so than usual) as we had Geography leaders from Kingsway and New Brighton Primary visit school as part of a 'Peer Review' process we're taking part. Mrs. Smith has done such a fabulous job leading Geography at Castleway and it was lovely for her and our team to be able to show off what we do here. Our children's love of Geography shone and they amazed our visitors with the level of their knowledge too! Our next 'Peer Review' is looking at our SEND provision and adaptations that we make, I know that this will be just as positive as our Geography review was!

As always, here's your Friday Update with all of the latest news and celebrations from Team Castleway.

### Tranmere Rovers – Time to Talk Day

It was amazing to welcome Mikey Davies, Jake Leake and Regan Hendry from Tranmere Rovers to Castleway for #TimeToTalkDay. They hosted a True or False quiz with Key Stage 2 yesterday and the children learned about how to help people who may be struggling with their mental health. Looking after each other and remembering our motto of 'be kind' (even to ourselves) is incredibly important to us. Huge thanks to Mikey, Jake and Regan for joining us! Tranmere have shared a video of their visit, you can view it on their Facebook page or by clicking the first image below.



Tranmere Rovers in the Community  
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Take a look at our visit to [Castleway Primary School](#) for #TimeToTalkDay, as Mikey Davies, Jake Leake and Regan Hendry hosted a True or False quiz with Year 5 &... See more



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**Helen Bibby's Coffee Morning**

Huge thanks to the amazing Helen Bibby for hosting a special Coffee Morning for us on Wednesday. We loved hearing Helen share her experience and picked up some top tips. Special thanks to Helen for the 'this worked for me' document that we shared with all families via School Spider. If you missed it, it's on our website or [you can read it by clicking here](#).



**Beacon Project – Smoke House Challenge!**

We're very proud of our young fire advocates who have completed the 'smokehouse' exercise. This week's challenge was a search and rescue drill, where they communicated like fight fighters and safely rescued their dummies! Well done to our fabulous Year 5 & 6 participants.





### **Come Dine with Year 4**

We loved welcoming our Year 4 families in to school on Wednesday to 'Come Dine with Us'. Thanks to our fabulous kitchen staff for another delicious meal enjoyed by our children and our families. Remember that, due to the residential, Year 5's Come Dine with Us date has changed to 28/02/23



### **Change of Date – Year Six Ice Skating**

We have been asked by the Ice Rink to change our planned visit for Year 6 to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. This is due to numbers on the ice at any one time, us changing to Friday means that our children will be there when it is less busy. Given that this is some of our children's first time on the ice, we think it's a great idea. As always, we like to find the rainbow in the storm!

### **Change of Date – Dress to Express Day**

As you'll know, we do our best to keep any dates that we set in our calendar but as you'd expect, sometimes these may need to change. Following a request from the ice rink, the date for our Y6 Ice Skating Trip has had to change meaning that our Y6 children would miss out on their last 'Dress to Express' Day at Castleway, I'm sure you'll agree that we can't be having that! With that in mind, we are moving 'Dress to Express' Day to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. As we always like to find a rainbow in the storm, this gives us all a little longer to plan our outfits!

### **We are Readers.**

Another day and another delivery of 'Book Post' for our Year 1 children. We really do love reading at Castleway!



### We are Always Learning

This week was week three of our ACEs course with the fabulous Crea8ing Community already! Our wonderful facilitators Jo & Steve have explained reactions to stress and how it can present, what it can do to our body plus how we can put coping strategies in place. Another really valuable session for our brilliant group of adult learners.



### Scooter Stars – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

We're delighted to be able to offer 'Scooter Stars' training to all children in Reception & Key Stage One. Children can bring their scooters to school to take part in training all about using their scooters safely. Where classes are split over different dates, class teachers will make sure you know which day your child is taking part in the training.

- Thursday 8th February - All of Reception Class & six Year 1 children
- Friday 1st March - Rest of Year 1 & all of Year 2





### Reception Class in Forest School

Reception Class really did have THE BEST time in Forest School on Monday. From hiding behind Christmas trees (they really are the gift that keeps on giving) to planting bulbs and laughing their way through the mud. Who says we can't go to Forest school because it's raining?





### SENDLO Coffee Morning

We're delighted to be welcoming the **SENDLO** team to Castleway for an informal [#CoffeeMorning](#) for families all about SEND and the support available to families. Join us on 07/02/24 straight from drop and, as always, this event is for our whole community.



The poster features a colorful, abstract graphic of a path with arrows pointing in various directions. On the left is the Castleway Primary School logo, which includes a rainbow and a castle icon. In the center is the SENDLO logo, with the text "SENDLO" in large bold letters and "Wirral's Local Offer of SEND Services" below it. The text "Join us for an informal Coffee Morning all about SEND and the support available to families." is written in a cursive font. Below that, the date "Wednesday 7th February" is displayed in a large, outlined font. At the bottom, the slogan "Be kind. Be confident. Be your best." is written in a bold, sans-serif font.

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Wirral's Local Offer of SEND Services

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Wednesday 7th February

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### Early Years 'It's Cool to be Kind' Theme Day

Thursday 15th February is our 'Cool to be Kind Day' for Castleway Early Years children! Given that we're kind every day, this is going to be a brilliantly kind day! It's a non-uniform day, with special activities and even a disco too. Please remember that this theme day is for children in Early Foundation (2 Year Olds), Foundation 1 (Nursery) and Foundation 2 (Reception Class). £1.50 donations via School Spider are welcomed.



The poster is decorated with colorful confetti and streamers. The text "Castleway Early Years' Cool to be Kind Day" is written in a large, stylized, cursive font. Below that, the date "Thursday 15th February 2024" is written in a similar font. At the bottom, the text "£1.50 per child payable via School Spider. Non-Uniform Day Special Theme Day and Disco!" is written in a smaller font. On the left and right sides, there are logos for Castleway Primary School and Castleway Nursery School, both featuring a rainbow and a castle icon.

Castleway Early Years' Cool to be Kind Day

Thursday 15th February 2024

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Non-Uniform Day  
Special Theme Day and Disco!

Castleway Primary School  
Castleway Nursery School



## Valentine's Disco

Did somebody say Disco? Oh, it was probably us! You know we love a disco at Castleway. After feedback from families, we'll be following the same structure for timings. Our Captains will be surveying children to build their ideal playlist for each of the discos. All children are to wear uniform as normal on Thursday 15th February. As we have done previously, children can bring their disco finery to change in to. There ain't no party like a Castleway party!

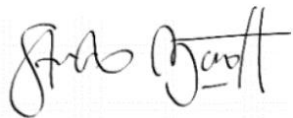
A poster for a Valentine's Disco event. The background is light pink with many red hearts of various sizes scattered across it. The text is written in a playful, rounded font. At the top, 'Valentine's Disco' is written in large red letters with a white outline. Below that, 'Thursday 15th February 2024' is written in a similar style. Further down, the timings 'Years 1 & 2 - 2:50 - 3:20pm & KS2 - 3:25 - 3:55pm' are listed. Below the timings, it says '£1.50 per child payable via School Spider.' and 'Children in Years 1 - 6 to bring their party clothes in to school and change before their disco.' In the bottom right corner, there is a circular logo for Castleway Primary School, which features a castle illustration and the school's name and motto 'Be confident, be your best!'.

It's no surprise I love putting these updates together each week. Castleway is special place and our children are making memories each and every day.

As we know you all love to know what's coming up, your 'Dates for your Diary' are available on the next page.

Have a fabulous weekend and we'll see you all next week!

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher



## Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of these dates for just some of the events we have planned. Please be aware that, although we'll try our absolute best not to, these dates may be subject to change. **Bookings via School**



**Spider will open closer to the time for some of the later events.**

When?	What?	Who?
31/01/24	Coffee Morning with Helen Bibby – Straight from Drop Off	Families & Community
31/01/24	Come Dine with Year 4 – Bookings open now	Families of Year 4 Children
04/02/24	Years 4 & 5 Residential Visit	Years 4 & 5 children
05/02/24	Start of Children's Mental Health Week	Primary & Nursery School Children
05/02/24	Year 6 Ice Skating Trip	Year 6 Children
07/02/24	SENDLO Coffee Morning – Straight from Drop Off	Families & Community
08/02/24	Scooter Stars – Scooter Training	Reception & Year 1 Children
14/02/24	Come Dine with Year 6 – Bookings open now	Families of Year 6 Children
15/02/24	Cool to be Kind – EYFS Theme Day	Reception & Nursery School Children
15/02/24	Valentine's Disco	Primary & Nursery School Children
15/02/24	Close for Half Term Break	All children and staff
28/02/24	<b>*New date*</b> Come Dine with Year 5 – Bookings open now	Families of Year 5 Children
01/03/24	<b>*New Date*</b> Dress to Express Day – Non-Uniform Day	All children and staff
06/03/24	Mothers and Significant Others Morning Brunch – 10:30am	Nursery School Families <b>*Bookings via School Spider*</b>
07/03/24	World Book Day <b>*Costume Swap Shop to be arranged*</b>	Primary & Nursery School Children
07/03/24	Brew, book and bagel – Family Coffee Morning	Primary School Families
08/03/24	Scooter Stars – Scooter Training	Year 1 & Year 2 Children
08/03/24	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea – 2:30pm	Primary School Families <b>*Bookings via School Spider*</b>
11/03/24	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea – 2:30pm	Primary & Nursery School Families <b>*Bookings via School Spider*</b>
18/03/24	Years 3 & 4 to Floral Pavilion – Pinocchio <b>*More information to follow via School Spider*</b>	Years 3 & 4 Children
18/03/24	Reception Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Reception Class Children
19/03/24	Year 6 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 6 Class Children
20/03/24	EYFS Easter Fun Day – Non-Uniform	Nursery & Reception Children
21/03/24	World Down Syndrome Day – Full Uniform & Odd Socks	All children and staff
22/03/24	Year 5 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 5 Class Children
25/03/24	Year 4 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 4 Class Children
26/03/24	Year 3 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 3 Class Children
27/03/24	Year 2 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 2 Class Children
28/03/24	Easter Bonnet Parade – Family Assembly – 9:30am	Families of Primary School Children
28/03/24	Year 1 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 1 Class Children
28/03/24	Close for Easter Break	All children and staff
23/05/24	Year 6 Residential Visit to Gulliver's World	Year 6 children

