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Friday, 16th February 2024

Dear Families,

Can you believe we're at the end of the first half term of 2024 already? Despite it being a short half term, we've stuck to the 'CastleWay' of doing things and have packed a lot in! For those of you who keep an eye on our social media accounts, you'll have seen that there are some more improvements happening to our main reception area as we speak. So once again, despite it being half term, it'll be very busy making sure our school is the best it can be! As always, here's your Friday Update for your weekend reading pleasure...

Cool to be Kind Day – Spreading Happiness

As part of their Cool to be Kind Day, Early Foundation children made cakes for adults around the school to say thank you for all they do for us. The children loved seeing how happy their kindness made the adults. Our youngest children are already living by 'The CastleWay' of kindness and we couldn't be more proud of them!



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Social Media Age Restrictions

We're having an increasing number of families informing of us of issues on social media apps that are happening outside of school. We're very aware that social media is a part of our lives and as a school we actively use social media to share our news and celebrations. Of course, we do our best to educate children on the pros and cons of online life but the responsibility does fall to families to ensure that children only have access to age appropriate apps.



We would always actively encourage all parents to regularly check their child's devices, chats and app usage. **We would not expect children at Castleway to be using apps like Snapchat or Instagram as the minimum age for these does not fall within primary school age parameters.** If your child is using any of these apps, a false declaration about their age must have been made when signing up. **Please review your child's apps and delete any that are not age appropriate, the age restrictions are in place for a reason.**

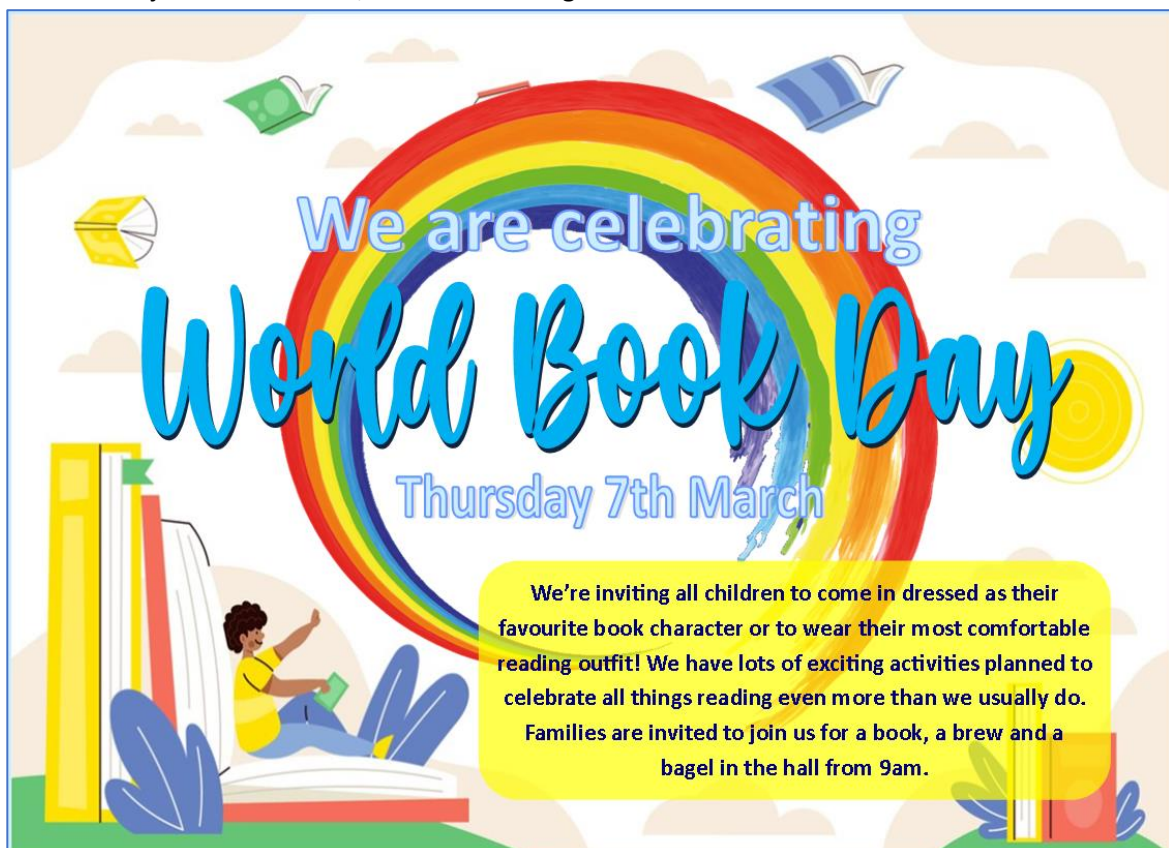
Dress to Express Day Reminder

Please remember that our 'Dress to Express' Day is on Friday, 1st March. Children and staff are invited to leave their usual school clothes at home and dress in whatever makes them happy. We're looking forward to seeing how our children express themselves on Friday!



We are readers. We are celebrating World Book Day.

We're inviting all children to come in dressed as their favourite book character or to wear their most comfortable reading outfit! We have lots of exciting activities planned to celebrate all things reading even more than we usually do. Families are invited to join us for a book, a brew and a bagel in the hall from 9:00am.



World Book Day – Costume Swap Shop

Celebrating World Book Day isn't about our families spending a small fortune on costumes and outfits. It's about us gathering together to celebrate what we love about reading. Our World Book Day Swap Shop is part of our efforts to support our families. As always, the Swap Shop will be free. If you have costumes that your child has outgrown but are still in good condition for another child to enjoy, please donate from Monday 26th February.

WORLD BOOK DAY Costume Swap Shop

All donations welcome. Our swap shop will be available on the playground with Miss McDonough, look out for the dates.

We're accepting donations from Monday 26th February.

DISCO...

Our children ended the term in style as they danced their socks off at our Valentines Disco yesterday. From the youngest to the oldest children, there were some amazing moves showcased and some brilliant memories were made with their friends. As always, there are lots more photographs to view on our social media pages. Please make sure you check both the [Primary School](#) and [Early Years](#) Facebook pages.



Happy Birthday Mrs. McCarthy!

Somebody very special to us at Castleway has a very special birthday coming up over the half term! The one and only Mrs. McCarthy is turning 40, can you believe it?! We celebrated Mrs. McCarthy in assembly yesterday afternoon to make sure she knows that we wish her the happiest of birthdays! Mrs. McCarthy sends heartfelt thanks for all of your kind words and well wishes on our Facebook page. We hope Mrs. McCarthy has the best birthday, she deserves it!



Shonette Bason 'The Dough Disco Lady' at Castleway

We were thrilled to welcome EYFS staff from across the Wirral to Castleway today for Shonette's EYFS Get Together on Monday. We had over 50 members of staff from 18 schools join us. We laughed, we danced and we released our inner tigers! We are delighted to have been able to Spread the Happiness with Shonette!



Pots & Pans Plea

We all know how much children at Castleway love our Forest School. As we look to grow and further develop our offer, we'd welcome donations of any pots, pans, spatulas and kitchen equipment that we can reuse in our Forest School.

As soon as this post was shared on facebook, Mrs. McGee got in touch to offer us a kitchen sink! Please be sure spread the word with friends and family.

Please speak to Mrs. Bell for more information.



Fabulous Footballers

Our Y3/4 team represented us in the Corgi Cup at Leasowe Recreation Centre this week. Thanks to all who joined our team to cheer them on! They played brilliantly and represented our school fantastically. Well done!



Come Dine with Year 6

Thank you to everyone who made it to Year 6's Come Dine with Us on Wednesday. There were lots of smiles as the children enjoyed sharing their lunch with their families! Thanks again to our wonderful Kitchen Team for our delicious meals. We're looking forward to welcoming our Year 5 families in to school after half term.



We've had a fabulous week and an even more fabulous half term at Castleway. I wish you all a wonderful half term break together and we're already looking forward to welcoming you all back to Castleway after the break. Your dates for the diary are on the next page to make sure you're up to date with all of the latest plans!

See you all, at the usual times, on Monday 26th February.

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?
26/02/24	Return to School – See you all at the usual times!	All children and staff
28/02/24	*New date* Come Dine with Year 5 – Bookings open now	Families of Year 5 Children
01/03/24	*New Date* 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 *Bookings via School Spider*
07/03/24	World Book Day *Costume Swap Shop to be arranged*	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 *Bookings via School Spider*
11/03/24	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea – 2:30pm	Primary & Nursery School Families *Bookings via School Spider*
15/03/24	Red Nose Day Non-Uniform Day & Cake Sale – #CastleYey!	Primary & Nursery School Families
18/03/24	Years 3 & 4 to Floral Pavilion – Pinocchio *More information to follow via School Spider*	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
09/07/24	Year 2 Residential Visit	Year 2 Children

