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Friday, 22nd March 2024

Dear Families,

It's been another busy week for all at Castleway. As always, your Friday Update is here to celebrate our successes and share news of upcoming events. Our families being a big part of our school life is part of what makes Castleway so special. Here we go with our latest news, celebrations and all things Castleway...

Curriculum Celebration Afternoons

We've loved seeing our children share their learning with their family members this week as we opened our doors for our latest 'Curriculum Celebration Afternoons'. Reception Class, Year 6 and Year 5 have celebrated their learning this week. We're looking forward to welcoming the rest of our Primary School families next week. Dates are below:

- **Y1** - 28th March at 2:30pm, **Y2** - 27th March at 2:30pm, **Y3** - 26th March at 2:30pm & **Y4** - 25th March at 2:30pm



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We're Proud of Mrs. Kay!

We're incredibly proud of our very own Mrs. Kay as she completed the Liverpool Half Marathon 2024 as part of her training for the London Marathon 2024! She's raising much needed funds for the incredible Maggie's Centres so if you can donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made via this link: <https://bit.ly/MrsKayTheRunningFundraiser>. Well done, Mrs. Kay! We are so proud of you.

Communication at Castleway

Please remember that we communicate with our families in many ways.



- Weekly '**Friday Update**' (plus the occasional 'lesser spotted' versions on other days). Our updates are shared via the School Spider app, they're pinged to your email address and posted on our school website. You can actually view all Friday Updates as far back as 5th September 2022! We also share links to our Friday Updates via our social media channels.
- Messages and emails via the **School Spider app**. As we are officially two separate schools, we have two different register systems which means that if you have children in both schools you'll need two log ins. Since the Nursery joined us on our site, we've worked hard to streamline systems and hopefully we've made things like payments and bookings as simple as possible by purchasing the School Spider platform.
- Social media. We work really hard to share as much as we can about what happens in our school via our social media channels. Please
- **Speak to your class teacher at the door**. We love that the design of our building now allows each teacher to greet their class at the door. This makes passing simple, short messages easier. Please remember that your class teacher's main purpose in the morning is to ensure that children are settled and that learning starts promptly. If you need to have a longer or more private chat, please make an appointment.
- **Mrs. McCarthy is on the gate each morning**. Her role as Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo is such an important one so being available for quick catch ups, advice or information is proving to be really useful to our families. Again, if it is longer than a quick catch up please do make an appointment.
- **Miss McDonough** is our Community Advocate. Her role is to work with our families to guide and signpost to agencies that may be able to provide additional support. She's always available for a coffee and chat if you need her. She can usually be found in or around the Community Caravan on the playground.
- **Contact the team in our school office**. Mrs. Raine and Mrs. Cavanagh are available to answer and queries or questions that you may have. You can telephone, email or pop in to the office in person.

Pinocchio – We loved it!

Years 3 & 4 had the best afternoon earlier this week watching a production of Pinocchio at the Floral Pavilion. Huge thanks to our friends from Calday Grange for inviting us. Behaviour was impeccable and our children are now inspired to thread the boards themselves when they're older!



Community Pantry

We know that we all love our #CastleShop deliveries from NEO Community when they arrive. We're thrilled that we now have our own Community Pantry inside the Community Caravan on our playground. Thanks to our Y6 children for helping to set this up earlier this week. There were some great conversations about how important this kind of initiative is for our community. As we all continue to find things challenging, we are proud to be able to support our community in this way. If you need to visit the Pantry, please see Miss McDonough.



Parents' Evening Success

Two amazing Parents Evenings have taken place this week. Huge thanks to all of our families who were able to attend or book a telephone call with their class teacher to celebrate the amazing learning that goes on each and every day. Also massive thanks to our wonderful support staff who facilitated the crèche in our hall to allow those important conversations to happen. We are very lucky at Castleway to have such a wonderful school community. **As Robin Sharma famously said, 'The bigger the dream, the more important the team.'**



Castleway's BIG Easter Egg Hunt

Next week, all children will have the chance to take part in our BIG Easter Egg Hunt. Each day we will choose classes at random to go on the hunt for some hidden eggs around school. They will contain Easter sweet treats but each class will also be searching for the Golden Egg. Whoever finds the golden egg wins an egg-stra special prize! Whilst we will ensure all classes get a turn, each class can also be chosen more than once so **if you want to win, you've got to be in!**



Early Foundation – Colourful Learning

Early Foundation enjoyed their new story so much this week they carried on their learning and sorted items from around the room by colour. We are so proud of the youngest children in our school for being so passionate about their learning!



Easter Bonnet Parade – Primary School Children

As you know from our weekly updates, it's our Easter Bonnet Parade and family assembly on Thursday 28th March. Due to capacity in our hall, booking is essential. Bookings are now live on your School Spider app.



Family Agreement

At Castleway, we work incredibly hard to build a strong relationship with parents to help create a stimulating learning environment that continues from school to home, providing all pupils with the opportunity to achieve to the best of their ability. We are proud of our school and we are proud of the place we hold in our community.

To create a welcoming and safe learning environment, Castleway lives by a set of principles that apply to all adults and children alike. From children to staff and from families to governors, all are expected to act in accordance with our school principles. Our Castleway Principles are:

<p>We listen to each other.</p> 	<p>We respect each other and our community.</p> 	<p>We look after each other.</p> 	<p>We keep each other safe.</p> 
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Castleway are proud of our values-based community ethos. At Castleway, our well-established core values underpin all that we do. Our core values are:

FRIENDSHIP	Respect	<i>Honesty</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	Resilience	Kindness
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As families have chosen Castleway for their children, our expectation is that all parents and carers will support the values and ethos as detailed above. Our Family Agreement outlines the manner in which parents are expected to act whilst on the school premises, including parking, as well as detailing the type of behaviour that will not be tolerated. The Family Agreement has been approved by our Governing Board and has been shared with all families via School Spider and email. [It is also available on our website and can be read by clicking here.](#)

Castleway continues to grow at the heart of our community so our Family Agreement has been introduced to make sure that we're all clear on 'The CastleWay' of doing things to ensure that our children remain at the heart of all we do.



Scooter Stars – Rearranged Date

I'm pleased to share that we've been able to rearrange the 'Scooter Stars' session for Years 1 & 2. The session will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 26th March. Children are welcome to bring their own scooters in to school. Please remember that half of Y1 have already had their session so this session will be for the remaining Y1 children and all of Year 2. Year 1 families, Miss Dalby and Mrs. Kirk will be able to remind you who this is.

Reading Café

We've loved welcoming our Year 3 & 4 families in to school this term for Reading Café. Their final session took place this week and it was a wonderful way to end the term.



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?
25/03/24	Year 4 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 4 Class Children
26/03/24	Years 1 & 2 Scooter Stars – Rearranged Session	Years 1 & 2 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
15/04/24	Return to School at the Usual Times	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

Please remember that we close for Easter on Thursday 28th March as it is Good Friday on the 29th. We return to school on Monday 15th April at the usual times.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher

