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Saturday, 1st June 2024

Dear Families,

As we prepare to welcome you all back to Castleway on Monday, I'm writing today with some updates with regards to events and our plans for the final half term of this academic year. Please note that all dates have been previously shared in our Friday Update or on our Social Media profiles but as we've had a large number of new families join us recently (and there's always a lot happening at Castleway), I thought a detailed breakdown might be helpful. Here we go...

Active Travel Week

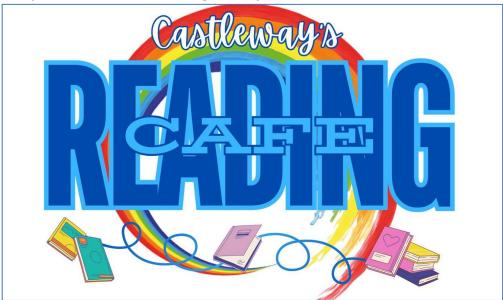
We're looking forward to our first 'Active Travel Week' starting on Monday! There are lots of activities planned across the week to encourage as many children as possible to choose different ways of getting to school. Leave those cars at home (or park a little further away from school) and let's get active!



- All week Children who are 'active travellers' each day can collect tokens for a chance to win a scooter and there are 3 up for grabs.
- Friday 7th June Bike Security Marking We'll be joined by the PCSOs who will be marking pupils' and teachers' bikes with a security tag which will help the bike to be found if it is stolen, via the national bike register.
- Friday 7th June Active Travel Breakfast Join us on the playground for a bagel and a brew from 8:45am!
- Friday 7th June Bling your Ride Parade Children are invited to decorate their bike or school for the chance to win a prize! Children will be parading their creations for all to see in our special parade. Families are invited to join us too... just stay after enjoying your active travel breakfast!

Reading Café – Reception Class

Reading Cafe is back again! This time we're inviting families of our Reception Class children to join us each Tuesday afternoon from 2:45pm. Don't worry if you can't make it every week, our Reading Buddies will be on hand to step in! Reading Café for Reception Class starts this coming Tuesday 5th June.



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Come Dine with Us

We loved welcoming our Reception Class families in to school on Friday to 'come dine with us'. As you know, having our families so involved in our school life is something that is very important to us at Castleway. Dates for the remaining year groups are listed below. Please remember to book via School Spider so that our wonderful kitchen team know to cook for you! If you have any issues booking, please contact the school office.

- Year 1 Friday 7th June 11:30am
- Year 2 Friday 14th June 11:30am
- Year 3 Friday 21st June 11:30am
- Year 4 Friday 28th June 11:30am
- Year 5 Friday 5th July 11:30am
- Year 6 Thursday 18th July 11:30am

Reception Class 2024/25

We can't believe that it is already time to be talking about welcoming our next class of children to Castleway. Our 'Golden Tickets' have landing on the mats of lots of excited children and we've loved seeing the photographs. We've emailed our families to share details of our plans and we're sharing them below too. We ask that you book via the Google Form so that we know who to expect and when: <u>https://bit.ly/CastlewayReceptionClass2024</u>.

- Meeting for Families Wednesday 19th June at 1:30pm or 5:30pm
- Stay and Play Sessions Wednesday 3rd July 9:30am, 11:00am or 1:30pm
- Family Lunch Come Dine with Us Tuesday 9th July at 1:30pm or Wednesday 10th July at 1:30pm

We follow the approach of all children starting school together on the same day. We'll be welcoming all children to Castleway on Tuesday 3rd September at 8:50am. We only use a 'staggered start' approach for those children who may need a 'softer start' to their Primary School journey. If you think your child would benefit from a staggered start to Reception Class, please speak to Mrs. Morris.

Summer Fayre

Miss McDonough has been busy planning our Summer Fayre and we hope that you can make it! We're looking forward to welcoming you all on **Thursday 20th June straight after school**. Weather permitting, stalls will be in our hall and on the Key Stage 2 playground. If you'd like a table at our fayre, please see Miss McDonough.



Castleway's Car Boot Sale – Sunday 23rd June

We're thrilled to share the date of the first **Castleway Community Car Boot Sale**! We're hosting a Car Boot Sale on **Sunday 23rd June**. £10 per car with 50p entrance for shoppers. We'll be selling refreshments too!

If you'd like to book a stall, register your interest here: <u>https://bit.ly/CastlewayCarBoot</u>. We're hoping this is the first of many!



Come Dine with

Castleway

RECEPTION CLASS

FRIDAY 24TH MAY - 11:30AM

YEAR ONE





Come As You Are Day – Wednesday 26th June 2024

Individuality and expression are part of parcel of life at Castleway. Our 'Come As You Are' day is a non-uniform day all about children expressing themselves and showcasing who they are. We're looking forward to seeing our children (and staff) express themselves on **Wednesday 26th June**.



Pride Picnic – Wednesday 26th June 2024

It's our third annual Pride Picnic on **Wednesday 26th June**. We're thrilled to be welcoming families and our friends from local schools to Castleway to proudly celebrate our differences and enjoy some music and make memories together. Families are invited to join us on the field from 12 noon. This year, following feedback from families, we'll be selling cold drinks and lolly ices too!

<u>Class Photographs & Year 6 Leavers' Photos – Thursday 27th June 2024</u>

We're welcoming the photographer back to Castleway on **Thursday 27th June**. All children will have their class photographs taken – **please note that this does, of course, include all Nursery School children**. All children should wear full Castleway uniform for their photographs. If your child is in Nursery and doesn't usually attend on Thursday, please speak to Mrs. Morris if you'd like them to be included in the photographs. **Year 6 children will also have their individual leavers' photographs taken on this day.** Please ensure that all children are in school to ensure that they don't miss out on their last ever primary school photo!

Transition Day - Wednesday 3rd July 2024

On **Wednesday 3rd July**, children (current Reception - Year 5) will spend the day with their new teacher. They will enter and exit school via their usual door with their current teacher before a whole school assembly with me. I am intending to confirm staffing arrangements for the coming academic year this week.

Nursery School arrangements:

- Children in Early Foundation (2-year-old provision) should attend school as normal.
- Children in Foundation 1, should attend school as normal. Those who will be joining us in Reception in September are invited to attend a Stay and Play session with the Reception Class team, please book via this link: <u>https://bit.ly/CastlewayReceptionClass2024</u>.

Current Year 6 arrangements:

- Our Year 6 children will be spending the day at their new high schools.
- The schools will be in touch with families directly about arrangements for this.

Curriculum Celebration Afternoons

It's almost time to welcome our families back in to school for our 'Curriculum Celebration Afternoons'. These afternoons are all about celebrating the learning that has gone on in our classes. This is an opportunity for families to see the work in our children's books and also get involved in their learning too!

- Monday 8th July Reception Class 2:30pm
- Tuesday 9th July Year 1 2:30pm
- Thursday 4th July Year 2 2:30pm
- Wednesday 10th July Year 3 2:30pm
- Thursday 11th July Year 4 2:30pm
- Friday 12th July Year 5 2:30pm
- Tuesday 16th July Year 6 2:30pm



Annual Reports to Parents – Friday 12th July

Our staff are busy putting the finishing touches to your child's annual report and they'll be shared with you on **Friday 12th July**. The format that we are using remains the same as previous years. For those of you who are new to Castleway, we report on progress (how much children have improved from their starting point) and attainment (what they have achieved in terms of the expectations for their age). We use a simple colour coded chart for this and have had positive feedback from families around this. Quite possibly my favourite bit of our reports are the personal comments about 'your child the learner' and 'your child the person'. These comments always make me smile as they show how well our staff know your children and highlight how our relationships matter at Castleway. When you receive your report, please let your child's teacher know if you'd like to meet with them to discuss anything further.

Sports Days

As you know, we're a sporty lot at Castleway. We're looking forward to our annual Sports Day events! Dates and arrangements for our Sports Days are below. Please remember that these dates may need to change if the weather has other ideas!

- Friday 5th July Primary School Sports Day (Year 1 Year 6) Families invited to join us at 1:30pm
- Wednesday 10th July Nursery School Sports Day & Family Picnic 10:00am
- Wednesday 10th July Nursery School & Reception Class Sports Day & Family Picnic 1:30pm

Farewell Year 6!

It's the start of Year 6's final term at Castleway. As always, we want to make sure our Year 6 children have the send-off that they deserve! Details of our upcoming events are listed below:

- Friday 12th July Year 6 Sleepover Return to school at 7pm. Bookings via School Spider please.
- Wednesday 17th July Year 6 Leavers' Disco Return to school at 5:30pm. Bookings via School Spider please.
- Friday 19th July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Starts at 9:30am. Families welcome to join us for a brew from 9am.

I'm aware there's a lot of information shared in this letter but I do hope that you find the extra level of details helpful.

As always, there is a lot to look forward to Castleway! I'm looking forward to seeing you all on Monday morning at the usual times.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

We've added a colour code to help you differentiate between year groups. There's a plain version on the next page.

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