

We are Castleway. Be kind. Be confident. Be your best.



Friday, 28th June 2024

Dear Families,

What a week it's been with lots to be **PROUD** of. It's been another week where we've welcomed new children to Castleway, our school literally is growing by the day and I'm incredibly **PROUD** of that too! As always, here's your Friday Update filled with the usual Castleway fabulousness! Here we go...

Pride Picnic 2024



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Pride Picnic 2024

This year was our third annual Pride Picnic and it's safe to say that it was the biggest and the best yet. From my 'I've had an idea...' moment three years ago to the amazing event on Wednesday really sums up the amazing journey we've all been on together. Seeing the huge queue of families and community members waiting to join us made me feel incredibly... proud! Our Castleway Community really is something else and us all coming together to celebrate our differences and show our children how important it is to put kindness and acceptance at the heart of everything we do. Thank you for all of your support, you don't know how much it means.



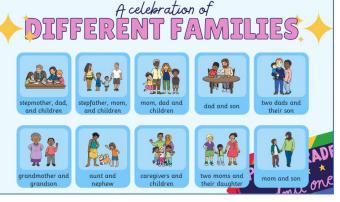
Why 'Come As You Are' & Why Pride Picnic?

We started 'Come As You Are' Day with a special assembly to remind our children why we started these annual traditions three years ago. I'm sharing some of the slides with you below to remind us all why events like this are so important.











If you go down to the woods today...

Year 3 (and Mrs. Smith) had a wonderful time in the sunshine earlier this week exploring our magical Forest School and woodland area. Making memories with friends is standard at Castleway. <u>Have a look at the full range of photographs on our Facebook page, they're amazing!</u>



Northern Education Show

I attended the Northern Education Show in Bolton this week with some Headteacher colleagues and our School Improvement Partner. From starting the day with the always incredible Rock Kidz to hearing from Dr. Pooky Knightsmith and ending with a closing statement from the 'Bear Hunt' legend himself Michael Rosen, it was reassuring to hear that we are 100% on the right path with all of the things we're doing at Castleway. I was proud to talk to school leaders from all over the north of England about what makes our school special.



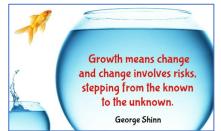




<u>Transition Day – 'Move Up' Day</u>

It's our Transition Day on Wednesday and we're very excited about our children having the chance to spend the day with their new teacher ahead of September. Unfortunately, current Year 3 won't be spending the day with Miss Miller as she's still in Cyprus. They have already met Miss Miller as they were part of the interview process! Miss Miller will be visiting us before the end of the academic year. Some reminders about Wednesday are below:

- Children to wear uniform as usual.
- Children will enter and exit school from their current classroom.
- There will be an assembly with me before children then go to their new classes with their new teacher.
- Although children may be nervous, please remember that we need to frame this experience as positively as possible.



If you have any questions please make sure you speak to a member of our team. We're always happy to support.

Come Dine with Us – Year 4

We always love welcoming our families to 'Come Dine with Us' and Year 4 loved sharing their lunch with friends and family today! A big thanks to everyone who could make it and huge thanks, as always, to our amazing kitchen team.











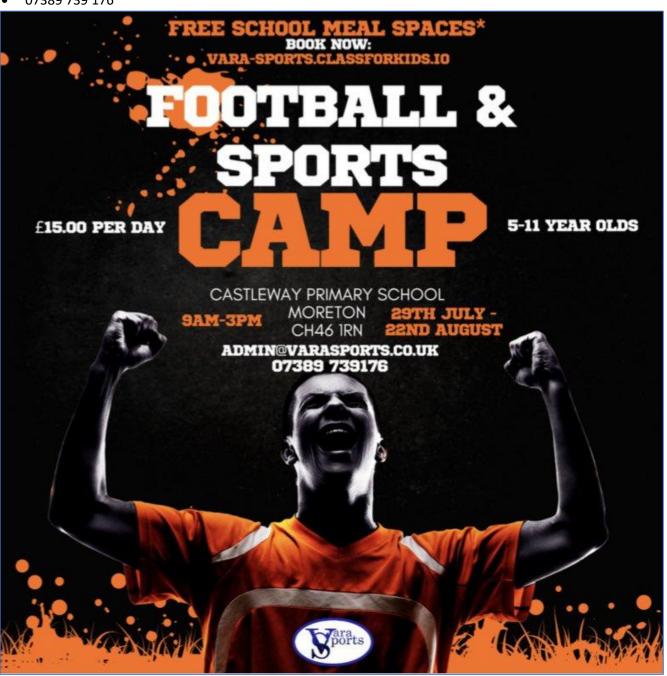
Vara Sports - Football & Sports Camp

I know that a lot of our families have been asking about sports provision that may be running at Castleway this year. I'm pleased to share that you'll be able to join Vara Sports for an action-packed Football & Sports Camp at Castleway!

- The camp will run from 29th July to 22nd August.
- 9am 3pm.
- Ages 5-11
- £15 per child per day but there are free school meal spots!
- Book now: http://vara-sports.classforkids.io

Remember that Castleway is the venue. Vara Sports are running the camp and, as such, all enquiries should go directly to them.

- admin@varasports.co.uk
- 07389 739 176





It really has been a wonderful week and has seen our school motto shine at the heart of everything we do. Please remember that there is always something happening at our school and days missed means that your child really does miss out. See the 'dates for your diary' on the next page for full details of the last three weeks of this academic year on the next page.

Have a lovely weekend and I'll see you all next week.

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.

	eception EYFS (Nursery Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 4	Year 6 Primary School Everyone!
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03/07/24	Transition Day – All children with their new teachers!	Primary school children
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04/07/24	Year 2 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Year 2 families
05/07/24	Primary School Sports Day – Families Invited at 1:30pm	*New* Year 1 – Year 6
05/07/24	Come Dine with Year 5 – 11:30am	Year 5 families
08/07/24	Reception Class Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Reception Class families
09/07/24	New Reception Class – Family Lunch – 1:30pm – Book Here	New Reception Class families
09/07/24	Year 1 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Year 1 families
09/07/24	Year 2 Residential Visit	Year 2 children
10/07/24	Nursery School Sports Day & Family Picnic – 10:00am	Nursery School families
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11/07/24	Year 4 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Year 4 families
12/07/24	Year 5 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Year 5 families
12/07/24	Year 6 Annual Sleepover – Return to School at 7:00pm	Year 6 children
12/07/24	Annual Reports out to Parents	All children
16/07/24	Year 6 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Year 6 families
17/07/24	Year 6 Leavers' Disco – 5:30pm	Year 6 children
18/07/24	Come Dine with Year 6 – One Last Dine! 11:30am	Year 6 families
19/07/24	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9:30am	Year 6 children and families
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