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Sunday, 1st September 2024

Dear Families,

It's almost time to open our doors and welcome you all back to school! As you know, we are proud of our efforts to communicate with our families so here's a mini-update before we welcome you all back on Tuesday.

Back to School... almost!

Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd September. Tomorrow is a staff training day. Breakfast and After School Club will be open as normal from Tuesday.

Building Work – Yes, even more!

Once again, it's been a busy old summer holiday. During this break, we have had the following works completed at school... and some of it is still being finished as I type this update!

- Full renovation of our school kitchen. Brand new flooring, wall coverings, ceiling and lights. It's finally a kitchen space that is worthy of the delicious meals that our amazing team rustle up for us each day.
- Under Twos Room has been created ready to welcome our first 'Castle Babies' to the family! There will be a separate secure entrance for this provision to allow a smooth handover to our staff team. The new door is due to be fitted to the front of school tomorrow... all being well!
- Early Years adaptations. We've improved the 'flow' of our Early Years provision with some new doorways to allow our team easier access to across the course of the day. Year 1 now also have access to the Reception Classroom to make the transition easier.
- Brand new accessible toilet. We're delighted that our accessible toilet is now a welcoming and inviting space for anyone who may need to use that space.
- Our new Sensory Space has been created. This means that we've been able to house our Community Room in the main building while Year 6 are using the mobile classroom ahead of further works being completed next year.

All of this work is further testament to the growth and success of our schools. I'm very proud of what we've achieved in the last 3 years. Saying that, I'm currently sat in a very dusty and untidy school but I know our team will pull it out of the bag (as they always do) to make sure that we're all ready to welcome you back on Tuesday.

Breakfast & After School Club

Following our family survey, we're extending the hours of our Breakfast and After School Club. These new hours start on Tuesday. All bookings to be made via School Spider please. Bookings should be live shortly. If your child is attending Breakfast Club before 8am, the drop off point will be our Early Foundation door in our Nursery. Drop off from 8am onwards will continue to be at the main entrance. Pick up arrangements for After School Club will remain the same.

Uniform Reminder

Please remember that we place a high importance on uniform at Castleway. We expect all children to wear full Castleway uniform – this includes PE kit too. We have made a change to our policy to allow black, grey or navy-blue trousers, skirts, shorts and pinafores to be worn. This is as a supportive measure for families to ensure that our uniform is accessible and affordable. [You can see the full list of acceptable uniform on our website.](#) If you need any assistance with uniform items, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

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CastleFest!

The biggest news of the summer was us finally sharing the CastleFest line up! We have the actual music legends NTrance taking to the In Demand Radio stage alongside DJ legends Lee Butler, Steve Cocky & John B. We are also delighted that our very own local superstar Mandi Fisher is joining us too! This is a celebration of Castleway but it's also going to be an amazing day for anyone who loves live music too! It's a family friendly event with under 3s free of charge.

Tickets are available via In Demand Tickets: www.bit.ly/CastleFest2024. We do not have access to any tickets at school, all purchases should be made via the website. If you see one of our flyers, the QR code on the back will take you straight to the booking page. Please remember to spread the word about the biggest party Castleway has ever seen!



PE & Forest School Timetable

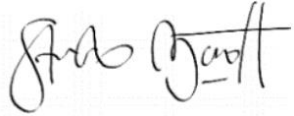
Information will be shared next week about PE and Forest School timetables. Staff will finalise this tomorrow and share with families once it's sorted. Our whole school PE day is going to be Wednesday this year. The first whole school PE day will be on Wednesday 11th September. Children should wear their Castleway PE kit on their PE days.



I hope this information has been useful and I'm looking forward to welcoming our staff team back tomorrow before we officially open the gates for our amazing children on Tuesday at the usual times!

Thank you for your continued help and support. It really does make all the difference!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Mycroft', written in a cursive style.

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher

