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Friday, 6th September 2024

Dear Families,

As far as first weeks back go, this has been a brilliant one. We've welcomed our new Reception Class children and they are nothing short of wonderful. They even joined us for our Celebration Assembly this morning and you would think they've been at Castleway for 4 years not 4 days! Our Nursery School is going from strength to strength, our new starters have settled right in and those returning to us skipped in happily to see their teachers and their friends. In addition to our new Reception Class children we have welcomed 10 new starters from Years 1 – 6 this week too, they've had a fabulous week too! There really is so much to be proud of and I'm absolutely thrilled that you have all chosen our school for your wonderful children. As we sing in assembly, Castleway's the place to be!



Also, a big thank you from me for ensuring that your children look so fantastic in their Castleway uniform this week. Please don't underestimate the impact that our uniform has on the day to day fabulousness of life at Castleway.

Anyway, here's your Friday Update filled with all of the usual news and celebrations. We are sending home paper copies of this issue with Reception Class and any new starters but all future issues will only be shared via School Spider, on our website and on our social media. If you are having any trouble signing up to School Spider, please contact our office team who will be more than happy to help you. Here we go for issue one of 2024/25...

Kindness Matters at Castleway

I loved starting this week with a special assembly for Years 1 to 6 talking about the things that make Castleway such a special place to be. Max Eastman said, 'a smile is the universal welcome' and you'll always get a smile at Castleway.



Rock Star Day – Friday 13th September 2024

Next Friday is Castleway's annual Rock Star Day! Each year we welcome the incredible Rock Kidz to Castleway to spread their message of inclusion, equity, kindness and to just have a good old rock out! It's non-uniform day where we ask you to dress in your rock star finery! There's £2 donation towards the cost of Rock Kidz on the day. Please pay via School Spider or in cash via your child's class teacher. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

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Reception Class 2024/25

We've loved welcoming our new Reception Class and their families to Castleway this week. As I mentioned above, they have blown us away with how well they have settled and I am genuinely excited to follow their journey over the weeks, months and years to come! There are many more photos on our Facebook page of our wonderful Reception Class and their first day filled with fabulousness!



It's good to be back!

It really is good to be back at Castleway. Mrs. McCarthy was busy with the camera on Tuesday taking photos of our children showing how pleased we all are to be back in our happy place!



Happy Birthday!

Remember that when it's your child's birthday they get their own personal non-uniform day! If your child's birthday falls at the weekend or in the holidays, just pick a day either side of the weekend or the holiday and we'll make sure we all say a big happy birthday to them!

PE Timetable

Please see the timetable below for our PE days for this half term. Reception Class do not need to wear PE kit yet.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 Year 2	Year 3	Whole School PE with Mr. Davies	Year 4	Year 5 Year 6



Forest School Timetable

Please see below for our Forest School timetable for Autumn Term. Children need to wear their uniform or PE kit and bring a pair of wellies with them please. We're delighted to be able to extend our Forest School offer to Year 3 this year. This means that Year 3 will have one session per fortnight. Your child's class teacher will be able to tell you when your child will be visiting the magical place that is our Forest School!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3 Starting 16/09/24		Reception Class Starting 11/09/24	Year 1 Starting 12/09/24	Year 2 Starting 20/09/24

Learning Together Meetings

We're pleased to be able to share the dates for our 'Learning Together' meetings. In these meetings, our class teachers will be able to talk to you about our curriculum and expectations for the coming year. This is an ideal time to find out about what your children will be learning and how you can help them at home. If you can't attend because of other commitments, don't worry as we'll send all information home after the meetings have taken place. Dates for our Learning Together meetings for Nursery School families will be shared shortly.

F2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
16/09/24 15:00	17/09/24 15:00	18/09/24 15:00	19/09/24 15:00	20/09/24 15:00	23/09/24 15:00	24/09/24 15:00

National Fitness Day

We'll be celebrating National Fitness Day at Castleway again this year. On Wednesday 18th September, we'll be hosting a special Wake Up Shake Up on the KS2 playground from 8:45am. I'm looking forward to seeing you there, who knows I might even dust the trainers off and join in!



St. Chad's Church

Before the Summer Break, Mrs. Gallagher and I were delighted to be invited to the licencing of our new vicar. It was lovely to meet Rev. Jonny and hear some of his exciting plans for St. Chad's and our community as a whole. All children from Reception – Year 6 have been invited to St. Chad's on Friday 27th September to meet Jonny and have a look around our local church. This is another exciting and beneficial community link for our school.



If you haven't been to meet Jonny yet, please do pop over to St. Chad's... he's the one in the middle!



Castleway Principles

We don't have 'rules' at Castleway. Please don't panic, that doesn't mean it's chaos. We have our 'principles' that are the expectations for all at Castleway. They are four simple statements that highlight what we want from our children, our staff and our families. I'm proud to say that our school community live by these principles proudly each day.

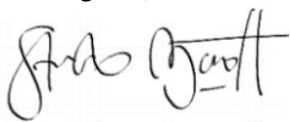
<p>We listen to each other.</p>  	<p>We respect each other and our community.</p>  
<p>We look after each other.</p>  	<p>We keep each other safe.</p>  

It really has been a wonderful first week back and we're all filled with genuine excitement for the year ahead. Castleway's 60th year is going to be one of the best yet!

The initial dates for your diary are on the next page. It won't surprise you that there's more to come!

Have an amazing weekend and I'll see you all, safe and well, on Monday.

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher



#CastleDates for your Diary

When?	What?	Who?
13/09/24 All Day	Rock Star Day & Rock Kidz Visit Non-uniform day – dress as a Rockstar! £2 Donation via School Spider or Cash	All children and staff
16/09/24 15:00	F2 Learning Together (Curriculum & Expectations) Meeting School Hall	F2 Families
17/09/24 15:00	Y1 Learning Together (Curriculum & Expectations) Meeting School Hall	Year 1 Families
18/09/24 15:00	Y2 Learning Together (Curriculum & Expectations) Meeting School Hall	Year 2 Families
19/09/24 15:00	Y3 Learning Together (Curriculum & Expectations) Meeting School Hall	Year 3 Families
20/09/24 15:00	Y4 Learning Together (Curriculum & Expectations) Meeting School Hall	Year 4 Families
23/09/24 15:00	Y5 Learning Together (Curriculum & Expectations) Meeting School Hall	Year 5 Families
24/09/24 15:00	Y6 Learning Together (Curriculum & Expectations) Meeting School Hall	Year 6 Families
18/09/24	National Fitness Day!	All children, staff and families
18/09/24 08:45	Wake Up Shake Up for National Fitness Day! KS2 Playground	All children, staff and families
27/09/24 9:00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning Botanic Room	All families
27/09/24	Cake Sale for Macmillan Cake donations welcome.	All children can purchase a cake.
27/09/24	Castleway Visit to St. Chad's	Reception - Year 6 children
10/10/24	World Mental Health Day Non-Uniform Day – Wear Yellow £1 Donation via School Spider or Cash	All children and staff
22/10/24	EYFS Spooky Fun Day Non-uniform – wear your spookiest outfit!	Nursery School & F2 children
22/10/24	Spooky Disco! £1.50 per ticket (includes drink & snacks) via School Spider 10:50 – 11:20 – Nursery School 14:20 – 14:50 – Nursery School 14:50 – 15:20 – F2 & KS1 15:25 – 16:00 – KS2	All children Children in Years 1 – 6 bring their disco clothes to change in to. Uniform as normal all day for Years 1 - 6.
24/10/24 09:30	Harvest Assembly – Performed by Year 2	Year 2 Families
24/10/24	Finish for October Half Term at the usual times	All children and staff

