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Friday, 13th September 2024

Dear Families,

It's the end of our first full week back and I just wanted to say how proud I am of each and every child at Castleway for the start that they have made this academic year. Changes in teachers, classrooms and routine can be challenging but, as always, Team Castleway have supported each other to rise to the challenge!

Rock Star Day – Kindness Makes the World Go Around!

Once again, we welcomed Rock Kidz back to Castleway for their 4th annual visit! A day of positivity and having the absolute best time... exactly what our school is about! As always, there will be plenty of photographs for you to enjoy on our Facebook page but here's a small selection to show the amazing time we've had! Thank you to each and every one of you for going over and above once again for our annual Rock Star Day!



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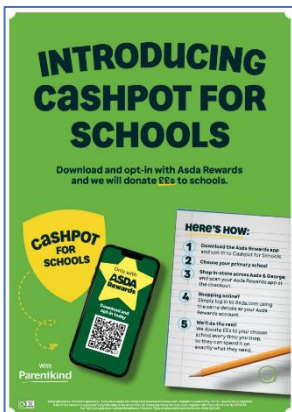
Violin Tuition

Year 3 loved their introduction to their violins yesterday morning. We're excited to see the progress that our children make with their specialist tuition this year! They're already excited about a concert at Christmas for their families. We'll share the date of this with you very soon.



Digital Parenting

We loved welcoming our first group of adult learners of the year yesterday. Thanks to everyone who joined Crea8ing Community and Miss McDonough for our 'Digital Parenting' course. Miss McDonough always has exciting plans so please speak to her if you're interested in finding out more about what courses and opportunities will be available this year.



Asda Cashpot for Schools

Huge thanks to everyone who has downloaded the Asda app and selected us as their Cashpot School. We're already over £120 and there are still 79 days to go! We're very grateful for each and every penny that comes our way.

If you haven't already, please download the Asda Rewards app, tap on the 'cashpot for schools' icon and select Castleway as your school of choice.

Even if you don't regularly shop at Asda, choosing us as your school adds money to our pot!



CastleFest

So, if you haven't heard about CastleFest yet... where have you been? CastleFest is the BIGGEST party to celebrate our school turning 60 years old and it's happening ONE WEEK TOMORROW. We have been overwhelmed with the interest in tickets but you still have time to secure yours: www.bit.ly/CastleFest2024.

I'd like to take the opportunity to clarify a few points about this amazing event.

- Although it's celebrating our birthday, this is **not an exclusive Castleway event**. We've got some HUGE name acts and are hosting what is an affordable 'mini Reminisce' festival on our door step. All are welcome... as long as they've managed to secure their tickets!
- We have done our best to make this as affordable as possible. Whilst we appreciate that £9 per ticket may seem high, this is a lot more than a 'school event'. Lee Butler, NTrance, 2Funky2, Mandi Fisher... £9 is a bargain!
- We will be selling food and drinks on the day. We have applied for all relevant licences to mean that our vendors can sell alcohol to those over the age of 18. Drink responsibly and enjoy the day!
- Having support from In Demand Radio means that we'll have the best security team and medics on site too.
- There will be other stalls and activities for children on the day which there will be a small charge for. Again, we have done our best to source vendors who ARE committed to keeping the prices low for our families.

It is unlikely that we'll see an event like this in our area for quite some time so please do your absolute best to join us next Saturday. Spread the word, tell your friends and secure those tickets: www.bit.ly/CastleFest2024.



The poster for CastleFest 60th Birthday Celebration is vibrant and colorful, featuring a rainbow logo for Castleway Primary School in the top left. The main title 'CastleFest' is in large, bold, dark blue letters, with '60th Birthday Celebration' in a lighter blue font below it. The date 'Sat 21st Sep 2024' is prominently displayed in dark blue, with 'From Midday til 6pm' in a smaller font underneath. The poster is filled with various artist names and song titles in colorful, stylized fonts, including 'indemandradio Stage', 'N-Trance live', 'Lee Butler', 'Steve Cocky', 'John B & more', 'Set You Free', 'Forever', 'Stayin Alive', '2Funky2 live', and 'Brothers & Sisters'. A soccer ball is visible on the left side, and a large speaker is on the right. At the bottom left, there is text about family entertainment: 'Lots of fun and attractions plus plenty of entertainment for the family... Inflatables, face paints, beat the keeper and much much more! Food and drink available all day.' The bottom right corner provides contact information: 'Castleway Primary School, Castleway North, Wirral CH46 1RN - Info: 01516772953' and 'Tickets available at: www.indemandtickets.co.uk'.



CastleRaffle

You can win a family pass (2 adults and 2 children) for an LFC Stadium Tour in our Castle Raffle. Tickets go on sale tomorrow (before and after school) and will cost £5 per strip. Winner will be drawn at #CastleFest on 21/09/24. You've got to be in it to win it! £5 per strip, all money raised will go towards our new football and sports strip.



CASTLEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

CASTLE RAFFLE

£5 PER STRIP

LFC STADIUM TOUR FAMILY PASS (2 X ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN)

WINNER TO BE DRAWN AT CASTLEFEST 21/09/24

The poster features three raffle strips in blue, purple, and yellow, each with the word 'TKET' and stars. Below the main title is a white box with the raffle details. To the left is a promotional card for the LFC Stadium Tour, showing people walking on a red carpet. To the right is a yellow box with the prize details. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the drawing date.



Learning Together Meetings – Meet the Teacher

We're looking forward to welcoming you to our 'Learning Together' meetings over the next two weeks. These meetings are the traditional 'meet the teacher' meetings but there will be a clear focus on our curriculum expectations and how you can support your child at home. All materials from the meeting will be shared via School Spider after the meeting.

- 16/09/24 – F2 with Mr. Smith – 15:00
- 17/09/24 – Y1 with Miss Dalby & Miss Piercy – 15:00
- 18/09/24 – Y2 with Mrs. Kirk – 15:00
- 19/09/24 – Y3 with Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Williams – 15:00
- 20/09/24 – Y4 with Miss Miller – 15:00
- 23/09/24 – Y5 with Mrs. Crone – 15:00
- 24/09/24 – Y6 with Mr. Kenningham – 15:00

Details of our Nursery School meetings will be shared shortly.

Come Dine with Castleway

Come Dine with Castleway is back for the new academic year! Please see the dates below. All bookings are to made via School Spider please. Please make sure that you book for each adult you are bringing with you. Thank you in advance to our wonderful kitchen team for hosting these special meals for our children and families to enjoy.

Come Dine With Castleway

Come Dine with Castleway is back by popular demand!

Families are invited to join their children for lunch at school. After such positive feedback last year, we're doing it all again!

Year 1 - 09/10 at 11:30am

Year 2 - 16/10 at 11:30am

Year 3 - 23/10 at 11:30am

Year 4 - 06/11 at 11:30am

Year 5 - 13/11 at 11:30am

Year 6 - 20/11 at 11:30am

F2 - 27/11 at 11:30am

All bookings via School Spider please.

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Class of 2025!

Can you believe that it's already time to be thinking about the Class of 2025! Applications for our next Reception Class are now open. We're thrilled that families are already making their applications! We'll share details of our Open Day plans soon too. They may even involve our Forest School this year!

Please make sure you are spreading the word about joining Team Castleway in our next F2 class! All applications should be made via the Wirral portal. If you need any assistance, let us know.



**Castleway
Primary School**

**Applications
open for
2025**

REGISTER NOW

Contact us
0151 677 2953

Visit our website
www.castleway.wirral.sch.uk

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Car Park Update

Huge thanks to you all for support with our car park arrangements since returning to school last week. Following a review of our arrangements, we will continue to close the car park from 3:00pm each day. Mr. Banks (our new caretaker) will be on the gate to grant access to those with a valid ‘blue badge’. We would also ask that you don’t park on the access road as you don’t have the facility to turn around with the gate being closed.

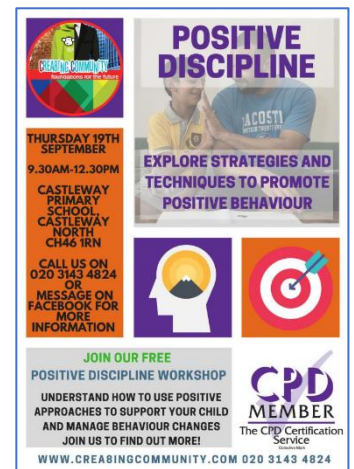
The feedback from the vast majority of families has been really positive so far. Whilst I appreciate this is inconvenient for those of you who drive, Castleway is thriving with more families than ever accessing our site. The Health and Safety of our children and families will always come first in our decision making.

At the moment, these arrangements are only in place for the end of the school day. Given that families are dropping off from 7:30am right up 8:45am, we are not seeing the same levels of congestion in the mornings. The car park (and gravel overspill area) will be open as normal in the mornings. We will continue to monitor the situation and make any changes as necessary. Thanks, as always, for your continued help and support.

Positive Discipline

After the success of yesterday’s Adult Learning session with [Crea8ing Community](#), they’re back again! This time the focus is Positive Discipline. We’d love you to be able to join us on Thursday 19th September from 9:30am.

As always, all members of our community are welcome to come along. See Miss McDonough for more information or contact Crea8ing Community. Click the picture to see the image in full on our Facebook page.



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	Year 1	Year 2 Starting 20/09/24



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!



Proud of Us

I just wanted to say that I am so incredibly proud of everything and everyone at Castleway. This truly is a special place. We are lucky to have our wonderful children, their fabulous families and it is my pleasure to lead a team of such dedicated staff members. Standing at the front of our hall this morning seeing our children living their absolute best lives made me smile so much.

We are proud. We are Castleway.

Have the best weekend. Rest for CastleFest. See you all 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	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
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
21/09/24 12:00pm	CastleFest! Tickets available here: www.bit.ly/CastleFest2024	Community Event – All Welcome!
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
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
09/10/24 11:30am	Come Dine with Year 1 Bookings available soon via School Spider	Year 1 Families

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When?	What?	Who?
10/10/24	World Mental Health Day Non-Uniform Day – Wear Yellow £1 Donation via School Spider or Cash	All children and staff
16/10/24 11:30am	Come Dine with Year 2 Bookings available soon via School Spider	Year 2 Families
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.
23/10/24 11:30am	Come Dine with Year 3 Bookings available soon via School Spider	Year 3 Families
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
04/11/24	INSET 2 – School Closed to Children	Staff Training Day
04/11/24	INSET 3 – School Closed to Children	Staff Training Day
06/11/24 11:30am	Come Dine with Year 4 Bookings available soon via School Spider	Year 4 Families
06/11/24	Parents’ Evening (3:30 – 6:30pm) Bookings available soon via School Spider	Nursery & Primary School Families
07/11/24	Parents’ Evening (3:30 – 5:00pm) Bookings available soon via School Spider	Nursery & Primary School Families
13/11/24 11:30am	Come Dine with Year 5 Bookings available soon via School Spider	Year 5 Families
20/11/24 11:30am	Come Dine with Year 6 Bookings available soon via School Spider	Year 6 Families
27/11/24 11:30am	Come Dine with F2 Bookings available soon via School Spider	F2 Families

