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Tuesday, 12th November 2024

Dear Families,

I am writing to you today to share some further details around the upcoming plans at Castleway. As you know, we like to make sure that our families have as much notice as possible for all of the wonderful things that go on at Castleway.

Reading Café - Years 4 & 5

Reading Café is back for the new academic year! Due to our Curriculum Celebration Afternoons and our big Castleway Christmas plans, we are inviting Years 4 & 5 families to join us on the dates below from 3:00pm for a brew and a book! 12/11/24 from 3:00pm | 26/11/24 from 3:00pm | 26/11/24 from 3:00pm



Curriculum Celebration Afternoons - F2 - Y6

As you'll know, our Curriculum Celebration Afternoons are another way that we share our children's progress with our families. During these afternoons, you have the chance to look through all of your child's books and discuss their learning with them in person. You'll also be put through your paces in one of our Castleway quizzes! All events start at 2:30pm and dates for all Primary School classes are below. Please note the unavoidable changes to the date for Year 4 and Year 6.

Books at Bedtime - Nursery School, F2 & Years 1 & 2

Our annual tradition for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is back and this time Nursery children are invited too! Books at Bedtime has proved to be a hit each year and we know it'll be even bigger and better this year. 'Save the date' for Tuesday 22nd November at 5pm. There'll be brews for adults in the hall while our children enjoy some reading fun!

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – Tuesday 26th November at 5pm

Come Dine with Us - Year 5, Year 6 & F2

The final Come Dine with Us dates for this term are listed below. Please remember to book via School Spider if you're planning on joining us for lunch! $\stackrel{\hookrightarrow}{=}$ F2 - 27/11 $\stackrel{\frown}{=}$ 5C - 13/11 $\stackrel{\frown}{=}$ 6K - 22/11

Christmas Markets & Grotto - Community Event!

Please remember that we're holding our first 'Christmas Markets' event this year. We'll also be inviting a very special guest to our Castleway Grotto! **Our whole community are invited to join us from 3:25pm on Monday 2**nd **December.** All guests will receive a token for you to redeem a free hot chocolate from our elves! We hope to see you there.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert - Years 3 - 6

Families of children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are invited to join us for a festive sing song on **Friday 6th December at 9:30am or 2:30pm**. Whilst there will be no charge for this, we will be asking families to book their seat via School Spider.

Songs Around the Christmas Tree - Nursery School & F2

Families of children in Early Years (Nursery School and F2) are invited to join us on **Wednesday 11th December at 9:30am or 2:30pm.** Whilst there will be no charge for this, we will be asking families to book their seat via School Spider.

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Christmas Jumper Day - 12/12/24

Christmas Jumper Day is taking place on Thursday 12th December. If you have any unwanted Christmas Jumpers for our 'swap shop' please send them in to school to be shared within our school community. We will not charge families for your donated jumpers.

<u>Christmas Fayre – Whole Community Event – 12/12/24</u>

Our annual Christmas Fayre is back again. We're inviting all of our community to join us on **Thursday 12**th **December from 3:25pm**. This is an event that has grown year on year and we always ensure that there are bargains for our community too! We hope to see you all there.

Year 3 Violin Concert – 12/12/24

Our Year 3 children are inviting their families to join us for a festive showcase of the skills they've been learning in their weekly violin tuition. We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 12**th **December at 9:30am**.

Birkenhead Lions Community Parade - Starting at Castleway - 16/12/24 from 4:30pm

After the huge success of last year, we're delighted that Birkenhead Lions will be starting their Christmas Parade at Castleway. Join us on **Monday, 16**th **December from 4:30pm** for a free hot chocolate, some festive cheer and get to see Father Christmas himself before he heads out around the estate. We loved to see so many families at this event last year and hope to see even more this year!

Christmas Nativity - Years 1 & 2 - Friday 13th December

This year, our Year 1 & 2 children will be taking charge of the Christmas Nativity. We're inviting families in to enjoy their performance on **Friday 13**th **December at 9:30am or 1:30pm**. Whilst there will be no charge for this, we will be asking families to book their seat via School Spider.

Christmas CastleTots - Tuesday 17th December from 9:30am

Our weekly Parent and Toddler Session will feel particularly festive and will have a very special visitor! We're inviting all of our community and their youngest children to join us for a very special CastleTots session. We ho, ho hope to see you there!

Breakfast with Santa - 16 - 20th December

This year, we're welcoming Father Christmas back to Castleway and he's excited to meet you all for Breakfast. All Castleway children free with their paying adult. Booking will be open via School Spider soon.

- Monday 16th December from 9:15am.
- Wednesday 18th December from 9:15am.
- Thursday 19th December from 9:15am.
- Friday 20th December from 9:15am.

Winter Fun Day – Early Years Children – Tuesday 17th December

Children in Nursery School and F2 are invited to join us for a **Winter Fun Day on Tuesday 17**th **December**. They'll have their own non-uniform day and a day full of winter themed fun.

<u>Disco Time for Years 1 – 6! Afternoon of Tuesday 17th December</u>

We're looking forward to our Winter Discos on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th December. Children in all classes can bring their party clothes to change in to before we dance the afternoon away!



<u>Christmas Dinner Day with a Very Special Guest – Wednesday 18th December</u>

We're inviting all children to join us for our **annual festive feast on Wednesday 18**th **December**. You may be able to guess who but we're going to be joined, once again, by a very special guest! All children will get the chance to see our special guest if they're here for Christmas Dinner day! If you usually pay for your child's lunches, please book your festive feast via School Spider.

Whole School Party Day - Thursday 19th December

There ain't no party like a Castleway party! We're inviting all children to join us for our **Christmas party day on Thursday 19**th **December**. The day will be full of festive fun and games and is a non-uniform day for all children and staff!

Finish for Christmas: Friday 20th December 2024 at the usual times Back to School: Monday 6th January 2025 at the usual times

As you can see, there really is so much happening at Castleway before the end of this term and this is just a list of the events that we need to share with you. There's so much more going on!

If your children aren't in school, they really are missing out.

Thank you for your continued help and support and here's to another wonderful half term of memory making!

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft Headteacher

