



We are Castleway.

Be kind. Be confident. Be your best.



Friday, 22nd November 2024

Dear Families,

Well, what a week! I say each week what a busy and successful week we've had but it is definitely true this week! In addition to all of the usual Castleway fabulousness, we've also been visited by Ofsted! As you'll all know from our very recent Nursery School Inspection, we need to wait until our report is published before we can share the findings with you all but please be assured that we are pleased that the inspection team saw what we see each and every day. As usual, here's your Friday Update jam packed with all of the magic from this week at the Castle.

Headteacher's Award

It's no secret that I love our school and it's no secret that I think our team are amazing. Each and every member of our staff team have gone over and above this week (more so than usual) to make sure that the wonderful things that happen at our school each and every day were very clear to our visitors. I'm so proud to lead this amazing group of individuals who model our school motto daily: Be kind. Be confident. Be your best.



Come Dine with Year 6

Huge thank you to our Year 6 families for joining us for lunch today! We always enjoy our #ComeDineWithUs events and today was no exception. Thanks, once again, to our wonderful kitchen team for another wonderful lunch!



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Author Visit

On Tuesday this week, Key Stage 2 were joined by the amazing Martyn Harvey! We absolutely loved his session with us and we know that we definitely have some future authors on #TeamCastleway. Thanks for a fabulous afternoon, Martyn!



A message from Martyn: 'Thank you so much for having me visit! Although a brief session, it was great fun and I'm very much looking forward to working with the school again soon. Thanks everyone who enjoyed "Squiggly Pete and the Curse of the Monster Zombie Mushy Peas" and, for those of you who asked, yes it is available online at www.SquigglyPeteThePirate.co.uk or Amazon.'

Reading Café

We've had some very special visitors in school this week... our Year 4 & 5 families! We loved welcoming you all in to Reading Café again this week. We hope you enjoyed having the chance to meet our visiting author too!



Year 6 in Liverpool

Year 6 had a great time on their trip to Maritime Museum to further learn about the Transatlantic Slave Trade on Wednesday this week. They also had time to visit the Museum of Liverpool too, you can't ever have enough culture!



Santa Dash!

Well, this is a bit of us isn't it! We're thrilled to share that we'll be taking part in the [Wirral School Games](#) #SantaDash on Friday 6th December. I'm dusting off my trademark blue Santa hat as we speak!



School Games National Santa Dash

Join thousands across the country for some
active festive fun

Friday 6th December 2024

#SGSantaDash #santasmiles



Live on CastleWave Radio!

Our latest DJs have taken to the airwaves on #CastleWaveRadio this week! We heard some excellent song choices and brilliant links and we can't wait for their next show!



Thanks Tesco!

Thanks to our friends at Tesco for always thinking of us and donating this fabulous hamper full of goodies for our Christmas Fayre! They're right, #EveryLittleHelps!



Castleway's Christmas Community Champions

After the success of our Christmas #CommunityChampionAwards last year, we're doing it all again for 2024! We'll be sharing details about the nomination process very soon but in the meantime, starting thinking about who you makes a difference to our community each and every day!



Thank you all for your support each and every week but the support you have shown during our inspection this week has been nothing short of amazing. Sharing your love of our school with the inspection team really did make all the difference.

Have the best weekend and we'll see you all, safe and well, on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher



What's coming up this half term?

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 26th 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**

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 2nd 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. We don't anticipate the concert lasting any longer than one hour.

Santa Dash

All children (Primary School & Nursery School) are invited to join in with our 'Santa Dash' on **Friday 6th December.** How exciting!

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.

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.

Christmas Fayre – Whole Community Event – 12/12/24

Our annual Christmas Fayre is back again. We're inviting all of our community to join us on **Thursday 12th 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 12th 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, 16th 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 13th 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 17th December**. They'll have their own non-uniform day and a day full of winter themed fun.

Disco Time for Years 1 – 6! Afternoon of Tuesday 17th December

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!

Christmas Dinner Day with a Very Special Guest – Wednesday 18th December

We're inviting all children to join us for our **annual festive feast on Wednesday 18th 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 – Friday 20th December

There ain't no party like a Castleway party! We're inviting all children to join us for our **Christmas party day on Friday 20th 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

