



# We are Castleway.

**Be kind. Be confident. Be your best.**



Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Families,

Well, what a wonderfully festive week we've had at Castleway! From violin concerts and song around the Christmas Tree to nativity performances and our Christmas Fayre, it's all been happening here. 'Tis the season to be at Castleway!

## We're having a GOOD time!

This week, Primary School families will have received our latest Ofsted report confirming what we already knew... Castleway Primary School is GOOD in all areas. This means that both of our schools have been judged as GOOD by Ofsted this term and the work that we do day in and day out for our children, our families and our community has been officially recognised. These GOOD judgements don't mean that the work stops here. As always, we'll continue to do what we do!

There are many highlights from the report but here are a few of my favourites...

- **At Castleway, everyone is made to feel welcome.**
- **The school prides itself on supporting each pupil to develop their individuality.**
- **The school has high expectations for pupils' academic success.**
- **Pupils benefit from all that the school has to offer.**
- **Pupils, including children in the early years, are expected to behave well, and they do.**
- **They enact the school motto of, 'Be kind. Be confident. Be your best.'**
- **In lessons, pupils have very positive attitudes to learning.**
- **They listen to their teachers and to one another. This helps pupils to learn well.**

If you haven't read the reports yet, where've you been! Click the links below for some GOOD bedtime reading.

- [Castleway Primary School Ofsted Report 2024](#)
- [Castleway Nursery School Ofsted Report 2024](#)

Be kind. Be confident. Be your best... That's the Castle Way!



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### Year 3 Violin Concert

A huge thank you to those who could make it to our Violin Concert yesterday. The children gain so much confidence from performing and we are so lucky to have such fabulous families supporting them!



### Key Stage 2 Tree Planting

Key Stage 2 planted almost 100 trees yesterday! They've learned how important trees are to our environment, and why it's important that we plant more and look after them. Thanks to Dave and George from Mersey Forest for showing us how to plant them, and to [The Woodland Trust](#) for providing us with Oak, Birch, Alder and Hawthorne trees to improve our long term biodiversity!





**Live, loud and proud!**

We've had some more brilliant songs playing loud and proud on #CastleWaveRadio this week. We love how much our children enjoy taking charge of their own radio show each lunch time.



**We are grateful!**

We are so grateful to the wonderful Moreton FC Community Fundraising Team for their incredibly kind donation of Christmas gifts for our families. The kindness of people in our community really never ceases to amaze us. Kindness really does make all the difference. Thank you so much!





### Songs Around the Christmas Tree with Early Years

A huge thank you to all the families who could make it to watch our Early Years Songs Around the Christmas Tree performances this week! How fabulous were our youngest children?!



### Christmas Fayre Success

It was a wonderfully busy evening at Castleway's Christmas Fayre yesterday! A big thank you to everyone who came along, including the 'Elf on the Shelf'! You all helped us to raise over £700 for our school funds!



## **Next Week... Miss it, miss out!**



### **Carols at St. Chad's – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 1:30pm**

Families are invited to join us at St. Chad's on Monday afternoon to enjoy some festive songs! Families wishing to join us should meet us at the Church. At the end of the service, all children will need to be returned to school, for safeguarding reasons families will not be able to collect from the church. We're excited to be back in St. Chad's at Christmas!

### **Christmas CastleTots – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 – 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Please only join us if you've booked via School Spider.

- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 9:15am.**
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 9:15am.**
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 9:15am.**
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 9:15am.**

### **Winter Fun Day – Early Years Children – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Children in Nursery School and F2 are invited to join us for a **Winter Fun Day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. They'll have their own non-uniform day and a day full of winter themed fun. As usual for our 'fun days' in EYFS, this is a child only event.

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

We're looking forward to our Winter Discos on the afternoon of **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December**

We're inviting all children to join us for our **annual festive feast on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December**. The day will be full of festive fun and games and is a non-uniform day for all children and staff!

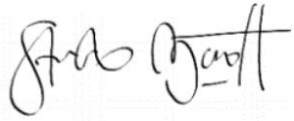
**Finish for Christmas: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at the usual times**

**Back to School: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the usual times**



This is literally just a snapshot of the magic that happens at Castleway. We're looking forward to seeing you all on Monday to do it all again... with even more Castleway magic!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Mycroft', written over a faint, light-colored grid background.

Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher

