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Friday, 17th January 2025

Dear Families,

Time really does fly when you're having fun and that must be why we're at the end of week 2 of this new term already! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support with the new car park arrangements and the feedback you have shared has been incredibly positive. After sharing a message about parking considerably (and me moonlighting as a traffic warden), things seem to appear to have improved there too! Thank you.

As always, here's your Friday Update packed full of all of the Castleway magic from this week...

Lions and Tigers and Bears... oh my!

Today, the whole Primary School had a wonderful day at Chester Zoo. It was lovely to see our children enjoy learning more about all of the different animals and making memories with their friends. As you'd expect, their behaviour was exemplary and children were fabulous representations of what makes Castleway great!



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Campfire Stories

We loved welcoming Key Stage 2 back to school on Tuesday evening for our annual ‘Camp Fire Stories’ session. Children enjoyed their teachers sharing stories with them and the trademark Castleway hot chocolate around a roaring fire! Huge thanks from me to our staff who made this lovely event possible. We really do love reading at Castleway!



Come Dine with Us

This has been a staple on the Castleway Calendar since I arrived. We look forward to inviting our families in to school to enjoy a lunch with their child. All that we ask that you book in advance (via school spider) for all adults who will be eating on the day so that our team know how many extra delicious meals to make on that day. Please note the change in time for our Key Stage 2 classes.



F2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
31/01/25 11:30am	07/02/25 11:30am	28/02/25 11:30am	07/03/25 12:00pm	14/03/25 12:00pm	21/03/25 12:00pm	28/03/25 12:00pm



Reading Café

We offer our Reading Café to all classes across the course of the academic year. Families are invited in to school from 2:45pm for a brew and a chat followed by their children joining them at 3:00pm for some quality time to read with their child. This half term is the turn of Year 3!

The remaining dates are below:

22/01/25 – 2:45pm	29/01/25 – 2:45pm	05/02/25 – 2:45pm	12/02/25 – 2:45pm
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Ten Pin Heroes!

Huge well done to our Y3/4 children who represented us at a **Ten Pin Panathlon** Tournament this week! We’re very proud of their team work, their effort and determination. Oh, and we’re proud to report that our team finished 3rd too!



Dress to Express Day – 07/02/25

Dress to Express Day marks the end of Children’s Mental Health Week at Castleway. It is a non-uniform day with a difference. Children are invited to leave their uniforms at home and dress in a way that truly expresses who they are. We also have a tradition of our annual ‘CastleWalk’ in assembly which is a catwalk done with that extra bit of Castleway sass. All children are invited to strut their stuff in our celebration assembly and show off their uniqueness.



Curriculum Celebration Afternoons

At the end of each term, we invite families to come in to school to celebrate all of the amazing learning that takes place in your child’s classroom. During these sessions, you’ll have the chance to see all of your child’s books from the wider curriculum and join in with some learning too! Most of our teachers now plan a quiz to help the children consolidate their learning whilst also testing you too! Dates for our Curriculum Celebration Afternoons are below:

F2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
25/03/25 2:45pm	27/03/25 2:45pm	31/03/25 2:45pm	02/04/25 2:45pm	01/04/25 2:45pm	03/04/25 2:45pm	24/04/25 2:45pm

Letters shared this week...

I always ensure that important letters and updates are added to our website. If you missed them, links to two key letters shared this week can be found below:

- [Car Park Access Letter – Sent out 14/01/25](#)
- [Dates and Details Letter – Sent out 15/01/25](#)

Thank you for another wonderful Castleway week. We have a really special place here and your support, cooperation and positive words really do make all of the difference.

Have a lovely weekend and we’ll see you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary – 2025

Please see our initial plans for 2025 below. As always, there will be more to come!

When?	What?	Who?
22/01/25	Reading Café – Year 3 – 2:45pm	Year 3 children and families
29/01/25	Reading Café – Year 3 – 2:45pm	Year 3 children and families
31/01/25	Come Dine with F2 – 11:30am	F2 children and families
05/02/25	Reading Café – Year 3 – 2:45pm	Year 3 children and families
07/02/25	Come Dine with Y1 – 11:30am	Y1 children and families
07/02/25	Dress to Express Day – Non-Uniform Day	All children, staff and families
10/02/25	EYFS Cool to be Kind Theme Day <i>Non-uniform day for Nursery School and F2</i>	Nursery School & F2 children
10/02/25	Valentine's Disco – Years 1 – 6 (during school day) <i>Uniform as normal. Bring party clothes to change in to.</i>	Years 1 – 6 children
12/02/25	Reading Café – Year 3 – 2:45pm	Year 3 children and families
14/02/25	Close for February Half Term at usual times	All children, families and staff
24/02/25	Back to School at the usual times	All children, families and staff
24/02/25	Our swimming pool returns! Details to follow in due course.	F2 – Y6
28/02/25	Come Dine with Y2 – 11:30am	Y2 children and families
02/03/25	Years 4 & 5 Residential Visit (02/03/24 – 05/03/24)	Year 4 & 5 children
06/03/25	World Book Day – Details to follow in due course.	All children, families and staff
06/03/25	World Book Day – Special Themed Lunch	All children & staff
07/03/25	Come Dine with Y3 – 12:00pm	Y3 children and families
14/03/25	Come Dine with Y4 – 12:00pm	Y4 children and families
19/03/25	Spring Term Parents' Evening – 3:30 – 6:30pm <i>Booking to be available on School Spider soon.</i>	All families
19/03/25	Spring Term Parents' Evening – 3:30 – 5:00pm <i>Booking to be available on School Spider soon.</i>	All families
21/03/25	Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day & CastleYey Comedy Show	All children & staff
21/03/25	Come Dine with Y5 – 12:00pm	Y5 children and families
24/03/25	Y6 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon	Y6 children and families
25/03/25	F2 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon	F2 children and families
27/03/25	Y1 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon	Y1 children and families
28/03/25	Come Dine with Y6 – 12:00pm	Y6 children and families
31/03/25	Y2 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon	Y2 children and families
01/04/25	Y1 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon	Y1 children and families
02/04/25	Y3 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon	Y3 children and families
03/04/25	Y5 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon	Y5 children and families

