



# We are Castleway.

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



Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Families,

It's certainly been a cold but incredibly festive week for Team Castleway. It's been lovely to welcome so many of our families in to school to join in with our Christmas celebrations. From our Nursery craft morning to our Christmas Concert, it's been fabulous! As always, here's your Friday Update with all of the latest news and celebrations.

## A Very Castleway Christmas!

We welcomed our Nursery School families in to join us for a whole lot of Castleway Christmas fun and games. Having our hall full of laughter and festive cheer really lifted our spirits and the feedback from our families has been amazing too. We're looking forward to welcoming you all to more events like this in the new year.



## Reception & Year 1 Nativity Superstars



The youngest of our Primary School children really impressed us all yesterday with their lovely retelling of the Nativity story. From stars shining brightly to a very tired donkey, I was so proud of our wonderful children! As always, our families were there to show their support and applauded as their little superstars shone on stage. I'm always proud of our children but I'm especially proud of our children for living out the 'be confident' part of our school motto so brilliantly.

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### **Carol Singing**

Our school choir brought some much-needed Christmas Cheer to the shoppers at Tesco Bidston Moss yesterday as they filled the store with their wonderful Carol singing! Huge thanks to our wonderful choir for sharing their talents and raising over £150 for school funds in the process!



### **Years 2 – 6 Christmas Concert**

We ended the week with Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 spreading their plenty of Christmas cheer in the Christmas Concert. Each class shared 2 songs with us with classics ranging from Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree to Year 6 going all 1990s on us and belting out Stay Another Day! Thanks to all who came along to join us today, your attendance at these events really is what makes them special. Photos will be posted on our social media accounts later on today.

### **CastleMail**

Our children have loved receiving their Christmas cards via CastleMail during this festive period. Toby and Jess have done a great job of sorting and delivering the cards to all children across school. At the start of the week they even had to rope in a little extra help from yours truly to sort through the sheer number of cards! Please remember to recycle your Christmas cards if you're not keeping them.



### Elf Run – Amazing Amount of Money

As you know, we recently took part in the Elf Run for the amazing people at Wirral Hospice St. John's. We loved our day of elf related fun and games and this was made even better by the knowledge we were raising money for this wonderful charity. Yesterday we shared that we've raised an amazing £1389.60 but, can you believe, this total has continued to grow! **So far, we think there's at least another £300 to add to that total!** The final collection will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> so please ensure all sponsor money is sent in by then to ensure it gets to the wonderful Wirral Hospice St. John's.

**We are fundraisers. We are Castleway.**

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*for Wirral Hospice St. John's.*

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### Book Advent Calendar

Our Book Advent Calendar has continued to be a huge hit as more books have been delivered to classes across both of our schools. Jess and Toby, our Castleway Captains, popped in to our Two-Year Old Classroom to share the latest delivery. The children absolutely loved their book and couldn't wait to start reading it!



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### Building Work Update

Building work on our wonderful school is progressing at a rapid pace. When we returned to school on Monday, we were greeted by a **brand-new corridor leading to the new children's individual toilets**; these will be available to use following the Christmas break. You'll also have noticed a new door on the KS2 side of the building. This is a **temporary fire exit** until the brand-new doors and windows are installed. The temporary exit has been fitted to allow the work on our sensory room extension to start! This work should start in the new year.



**Year One's classroom renovations will be completed in time for our return in January.** The children have settled in to their temporary room and will remain there for the two days we are in school next week.



We're pleased to share with you that the **safety fencing on the car park** will be fitted next week. Whilst this will mean that parts of the car park are out of action, it does mean that our car park will have the added security and safety measures that will keep us all safe sooner rather than later.

We'll keep you posted with further updates and developments as our schools continue to grow and change to meet the needs of our children and families. We're incredibly proud of all that is happening at Castleway.

### We're off to the Panto... oh yes we are!

We're continuing the tradition started last year and we're off to the panto! All children in the Primary School (F2 to Y6) will be going to the Floral Pavilion on the morning of Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January. We're asking for contributions of £8 per child via ParentMail. As always, please let us know if you think you may struggle with making this payment.



### Next Week Reminder – We're still in!

Please remember that we are in school as normal on Monday and Tuesday of next week. As requested by families, both of these days are optional non-uniform days to allow uniform to be put away today until 2023! We're hoping that, all being well, we'll be welcoming a special festive visitor in to school on Monday to see all children across both of our schools. Also, children in the Primary School will be treated to a Monday Morning Movie with some Christmas treats added in for good measure too! We'll be enjoying our Christmas parties on Tuesday before we finish for the Christmas break at the normal times. As you'd expect, another two days at Castleway!

### Dates for your Diary

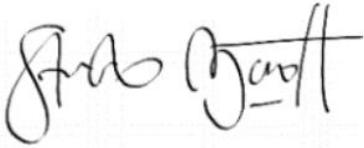
When?	What?	Who?
19/12/22	A visit from someone special & Non-Uniform Day	All children from both schools.
20/12/22	Christmas Parties & Non-Uniform Day	All children from both schools.
20/12/22	Finish for Christmas Break	All children and staff of both schools
04/01/23	Return to School	All children and staff of both schools
06/01/23	Primary School Trip to the Panto!	All Primary School Children

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Have a lovely (hopefully marginally warmer) weekend and I'll see you all, safe and well, on Monday morning... because we haven't finished yet!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Mycroft', written in a cursive style.

Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher