



# We are Castleway.

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Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear Families,

We're at the end of our first half term of the new academic year and what a half term it's been. It's been the first half term of both our Federation schools being located on one side and this has given us so much to celebrate! As always, here's your Friday Update full of news and celebrations!

## Swimming Lessons

We are passionate about all children at Castleway experiencing swimming and fine tuning this vital skill over their Primary School experience. With this in mind, I'm sharing the dates of swimming lessons for this year. The first classes to have swimming lessons will be Years 3 & 4. Children in Years 3 & 4 will need their swimming kits WB: 31<sup>st</sup> October & WB: 7<sup>th</sup> November. Advance notice of dates for all other classes:

- Years 5 & 6 – WB: 20<sup>th</sup> March & WB: 27<sup>th</sup> March
- Reception – WB: 19<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 1 – WB: 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 2 – WB: 3<sup>rd</sup> July



## Spooky Disco

Wednesday was a spooky day for all at Castleway. From our 2 Year Olds to Year 6, lots of fun was had. At last count, we raised a brilliant £183.70 for our school funds. Most of all, lots of memories were made!



## Terrific Two-Year Olds

What a 'spooktastic' week our two-year olds have had. Our children have been introduced to some lovely new books thanks to the very generous donation from Harry Molyneux's Nan. This week, The children have loved getting messy through sensory play. The highlights were having fun and letting loose at the Spooky Disco! It's also been an emotional week for our Two-Year Classroom as we've said goodbye to Miss Stewart. Aimee was an amazing member of the Leasowe Nursery School team and has been invaluable since we became Castleway Nursery. Aimee is excited to be changing career so we wish her all the luck in the world. Don't forget to come back and see us!



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### Welcome to Team Castleway!

This week we have been delighted to welcome Charlie to Year 1, Joseph to Year 3, Dougie to Year 4 and Alfie to Year 5. We love it when new children join our school and we love it when they settle in quickly and it feels like they've always been here! Welcome to the family.

### It's been all about the spooky senses in Nurture Class!

This week, our Nurture Class have been exploring the sound 'c' and have loved crunching leaves and listening to the sounds they made. They have explored crazy spaghetti and have loved investigating spooky green jelly with spiders in it! We are incredibly proud of how our Nurture Class have settled in to their new home and we're looking forward to the progress that they will continue to make!



### We are artists. We are Castleway.

We were delighted to welcome a local artist in to Castleway to work with Year 6, our Mental Health Ambassadors and Eco Team. We made wild flowers out of craft paper which will be featured as part of an exhibition at Thurstaston Visitor Centre next June to celebrate 50 years of Wirral Country Park and our bio diverse environment/wildflowers.



**Primary School PE Timetable Update**

As stated above, Years 3 and 4 will be having their swimming lessons each afternoon of the first 2 weeks back so they will only need to wear PE kit on Tuesdays. Details for all other classes are below. Please note that the PE timetable changes (WB: 14<sup>th</sup> November) after Year 3 & 4 have finished their swimming lessons.

**WB: 31<sup>st</sup> October & WB: 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Year 1	Reception	Year 5 Year 6

**WB: 14<sup>th</sup> November onwards**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Year 1	Reception Year 5 Year 6	Year 3 Year 4

**Diversity Reading Challenge**



We've presented our first set of 'Diversity Reading Challenge' certificates in our Celebration Assembly this morning. Hearing how excited our children have been about reading these beautiful, diverse books has been wonderful. Please remember that the Diversity Reading Challenge books can be shared with an adult or you can read them to your child. It's about enjoying the story and thinking about the meaning behind the text.

I'm looking forward to presenting more certificates to celebrate reading after half term.

**Staffing Update**

As you'll be aware, Mrs. Kirk temporarily moved over to our Nursery School to add capacity to the team and help prepare for the move over to the Castleway site. Now that our children are settled in to their new home, we're delighted that Mrs. Kirk will be increasing her involvement on the Primary School side of our Federation. Mrs. Kirk will be utilising her teaching skills right across our Federation and Mrs. Riley, Deputy Headteacher, will be based in our Nursery Class after half term. This really is an exciting time for both of our schools and seeing our staff utilising their skills for the benefit of all children, from 2 to 11, really is amazing.



**Harvest Assembly Success**

Our wonderful Year 2 children amazed us with their Harvest Assembly this week. Clear, confident speakers who taught us all a thing or two about Harvest around the world. Then came the Little Red Hen! Our children told us all about the story of the Little Red Hen... complete with actions! We were so proud, well done Year 2! Huge thanks to all parents, carers and family members who came along to join us.



## Phonics & Reading Workshop

# Join us for Castleway's Family Phonics & Reading Session

You are invited to join us on Thursday, 10th November to find out more about how we teach reading at Castleway. Our staff will be sharing what our phonics sessions look like and what you can do to support your children at home. The session is aimed at Reception and Year 1 parents initially but all are welcome to attend. See you on Thursday, 10th November at 3pm

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### Dates for your Diary

When?	What?	Who?
TBC	Come Dine with Us!	Primary School Families
22/10/22	Break Up for Half Term	All children and staff of both schools
31/10/22	Return to School	All children and staff of both schools
10/11/22	Family Phonics & Reading Session	Families of Reception & Year 1
10/11/22	Family Bingo Night!	Community Event
17/11/22	An Evening With... (More info to follow)	Community Event
18/11/22	Children in Need Day - £1 donation Non-Uniform day with spots!	All children and staff of both schools
20/11/22	Year 5 & 6 Residential	Years 5 & 6 Children
24/11/22	Parents' Evening	Primary School Families
20/12/22	Break Up for Christmas Break	All children and staff of both schools
04/01/23	Return to School	All children and staff of both schools

It really has been a wonderful half term for both of our schools and it's only going to get better! I really do love being Castleway's Headteacher and I mean it when we say... we are Castleway and proud of it!

Have an amazing half term break and I'm already looking forward to seeing you all, safe and well, on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher

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