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Wednesday, 21st June 2023

Dear Families,

I am writing today to share news of the organisation and structure for the academic year 2023/24. We have lots of exciting news to share and, I'm pleased to announce that we have some promotions to celebrate and some incredibly talented teachers joining the team too. Things just keep getting better at Castleway!



Deputy Headteacher – Miss Dalby

Firstly, I'm delighted to share with you that Miss Dalby has been confirmed as our permanent Deputy Headteacher. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with Miss Dalby since she joined us in September 2022 and seeing the impact that she's made has been nothing short of wonderful. Miss Dalby's new role across both of our schools, has already started so please do congratulate her when you see her. Don't worry though, Miss Dalby will still be teaching; she's looking forward to working with our wonderful Year One children and Mrs. Kirk next year.



Assistant Headteacher - Inclusion - Mrs. McCarthy

I'm absolutely thrilled to share with you that the wonderful Mrs. McCarthy has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion. This new role is a vital one for Castleway because, as you know, inclusion is an incredibly high priority for us. Mrs. McCarthy's new role will encompass all areas of inclusion; SEND, attendance and safeguarding. Mrs. McCarthy's new role officially starts in September but I'm already celebrating that we get to benefit from Mrs. McCarthy's passion for inclusion across both of our schools. Such exciting news!



<u>Assistant Headteacher – Nursery School & Early Years – Mrs. Morris</u>

As shared on 13th June, I am pleased to share that we have appointed Mrs. Amy Morris as our new Assistant Headteacher for Nursery School & Early Years. Mrs. Morris is an experienced Early Years Leader and has experience right through from Early Years to Year 6.

I know that Mrs. Morris is going to be a wonderful edition to not only our Senior Leadership Team but also to our teaching team across both schools. She's fabulous!

Welcome to the Team!

The good news doesn't stop there. I'm pleased to welcome the following members of teaching staff to the team. Welcome to Miss Wallace! Miss Wallace is an experienced Early Years Practitioner who will be joining us as our new Reception Class teacher. Miss Dalby and I had the pleasure of observing Miss Wallace at her current school and we were blown away. We're incredibly excited to be welcoming Miss Wallace to Castleway and I know that the children lucky enough to be taught by her in our new Reception Class will absolutely love her. Hello Mrs. Williams! Mrs. Williams is going to be our new Year 2 teacher. She's another new member of the team who comes with a wealth of experience of working in schools that can only benefit our children. Miss Dalby and I observed Mrs. Williams teaching in a Year 2 class and we were blown away by her confidence and the children's genuine love of learning shone. Happy you're here, Mrs. Crone! Mrs. Crone will be joining Castleway as our new Year 5 teacher. Mrs. Crone has a wealth of experience of working with children... including her own. Having worked in many primary schools in a range of roles, Mrs. Crone will bring her experience and her genuine love of working with children with her. She's also joining Year 5 for their planned trip on 5th July. I'm very excited We've got another amazing addition to our school family.

Headteacher: Mr. S. Mycroft

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Staffing Structure 2022/23 - Castleway Primary School & Castleway Nursery School

Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher: Mr. S. Mycroft **Deputy Headteacher:** Miss G. Dalby

Assistant Headteacher – Inclusion: Mrs. J McCarthy

Assistant Headteacher - Nursery School & Early Years: Mrs. A. Morris

Business Manager: Mrs. K. Kay

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Class	Teacher	Support Staff			
Nursery School	Mrs. A. Morris (AHT) & Mr. S. Smith	Miss L. Barclay, Mrs. S. Ellina,			
		Mrs. A. Gallagher, Miss J. Jones, Miss H. Rutter,			
	Miss S. Bonner – Teacher Trainee	Miss S. Smith, & Miss L. Hart			
Reception Class	Miss K. Wallace	Mrs. L. Clay & Mr. J. Price			
Year One	Miss G. Dalby (DHT) & Mrs. K. Kirk				
Year Two	Mrs. K. Williams	Mrs. V. Bell			
Year Three	Mrs. S. Smith				
Year Four	Mr. P. Smith	Mr. L. Jones			
Year Five	Mrs. J. Crone				
Year Six	Mr. G. Kenningham	Mrs. L. Bruce			
Reading, Interventions, Science and Art Teachers: Mrs. K. Kirk & Mrs. J. Hampshire					

Federation Staff (Work Across Both Schools)

Administrator: Mrs. C. Raine **Site Manager:** Mr. M. Melvin

Midday Assistants: Miss S. Ashton, Miss C. Adams & Miss E. Johnson

Hygiene Team: Mrs. K. Melvin & Miss S. Ashton

Community Advocate: Miss L. McDonough
Sports Coach: Mr. J. Davies

There's a change in role for Mrs. Hampshire for the new academic year! She's made the decision to step away from having whole class responsibility but I'm delighted to share that we'll still get the benefit of Mrs. Hampshire's skills and sense of humour. She'll be supporting different groups of children whilst also teaching art across the whole school!

Dr. Helen Bibby has been an invaluable part of our Nursery School family for many years and this year she's become invaluable in our Primary School too. Helen has made the decision to step down from her role as SENDCo in our Nursery School but she will still be a part of the Castleway family going forward.



In classic 'yey/boo' news, Mrs. McGee will be leaving us at the end of this year to take up a full-time teaching position at another school. I'm absolutely thrilled that Mrs. McGee is returning full time to the classroom, we'll just miss her greatly from Castleway. Happily for us though, Mrs. McGee will be joining a school that we work really closely with so she'll still be part of the family and we're already thinking about how we can link with her new class. Don't be too sad though, given that Mrs. McGee has left us twice before... I'm sure she'll be back!



Come Dine with... your New Teacher!

We know that our 'Come Dine with Us' events are always popular so I thought that we'd put a little transition twist on the event. We're inviting families in to dine with their child and to have the chance to have an informal chat with their new teacher too. Please see the table below and book your place via the School Spider app.

Current	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current
Reception Class	Year 1 Class	Year 2 Class	Year 3 Class	Year 4 Class	Year 5 Class
(Next Y1)	(Next Y2)	(Next Y3)	(Next Y4)	(Next Y5)	(Next Y6)
Monday 17 th July at 11:30am.	Friday 14 th July at 11:30am.	Thursday 6 th July at 11:30am.	Thursday 13 th July at 11:30am.	Tuesday 11 th July at 11:30am.	Friday 7 th July at 11:30am.

I think that's everything!

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft Headteacher