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Wednesday, 6th September 2023

Dear Families,

It was absolutely wonderful to hear our school spring back to life yesterday and I couldn't be prouder of our wonderful children. They all returned to school looking wonderful in their Castleway uniforms and they very quickly got back in to the Castleway of doing things.



As for our wonderful new Reception Class children, they took their first full day in Primary School in their stride and amazed us all. I can't thank Miss Wallace, Mrs. Clay and Mr. Price enough for everything they did to make the day go so smoothly. After seeing them yesterday, I just know that this class will be one to watch in the coming years, they're going to do great things!



It was also a joy to walk in our Nursery School and see how amazingly well our youngest children had settled too. We all know that Mr. Smith smiles a lot but he just couldn't stop grinning yesterday. It's going to be a wonderful year for our youngest children at Castleway too.

Attendance Matters at Castleway

As you'll be aware, improving attendance is a huge priority for us at Castleway. Attendance was flagged up as an area for improvement by OFSTED when we were visited in November 2022. Part of Mrs. McCarthy's new role as Assistant Headteacher is to work with families to improve our attendance. We will be writing to all families soon to share our revised attendance procedures, including our rewards and incentives. As we know, instilling the importance of attending school every day now will benefit them when they enter the world of work as adults.

Reception Class 2024 – Apply Now!

Believe it or not, it's already time for families to be thinking about making their application for primary school places for Reception Class 2024. If you'd like to have a look around the new and improved Castleway (or know someone who might) then please do get in touch. Applications for Reception Class 2024 need to be made through the Wirral Portal. The portal can be accessed here: [CastlewayApplications](#).



Meet the Teacher Meetings – Years 1 – 6

I'm delighted to invite you to join us in school next week for 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. The aim of these short meetings is to have a chance to chat with your child's new teacher whilst also finding out the expectations for this new academic year. Meetings will start in the school hall (with the chance for a brew and biscuit included too of course) and will finish with the chance to have a look in your child's new classroom and around school. We hope you can join us.

Tuesday 12 th September	Wednesday 13 th September	Thursday 14 th September
Year 1 & Year 2	Year 3 & Year 4	Year 5 & Year 6

We're not holding Early Years meetings just yet as families had the chance to meet Miss Wallace in small groups as part of transition and our focus at the moment is settling our youngest children in to school life. Mrs. Morris (Assistant Headteacher) and I will be sharing details of our Early Years Stay and Play sessions soon.

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Mr. Melvin Update



This is an update that I didn't think I'd ever be writing but Mr. Melvin has had an offer that he simply couldn't refuse. Mr. Melvin has been offered a role as Health and Safety Advisor with a company who works with schools across the North West and, although we will be incredibly sad to see him go, this is an incredibly exciting opportunity for him. Mr. Melvin's last day at Castleway will be Friday, 29th September. We will make sure that the Castleway legend gets the send-off that he deserves!

Don't worry though although he'll be leaving his role as Site Manager, Mr. Melvin will remain on our Governing Board and will still be involved in all things Castleway.

Rock Star Day Reminder

Please remember that it's Rock Star Day on Friday. All children are invited to come in to school dressed in their Rock Star finery for a day of positivity, togetherness and rocking out with the incredible Rock Kidz! If you haven't already (and are able to) please do donate via School Spider. We are also welcome to cash donations on the day if you'd prefer. Any donations made help cover the cost of having Rock Kidz at school. Please be aware that we are not making any money from this event.



Uniform Reminder

We take a huge pride in our appearance at Castleway. Children wearing uniform promotes togetherness and removes any kind of competition with brands and labels etc. We've also consulted heavily on our uniform with families to ensure that it is afford and easy to access.



All children should wear their Castleway Uniform each day, this includes the agreed PE kit. Where children are not wearing correct uniform, we will be in touch to discuss this with you. If you have trouble accessing or affording any items of our uniform, please get in touch with Miss McDonough. As you know, she loves nothing more than helping out.

Please note: During this hot weather, it is entirely fine for children to wear the 'summer term variation' of uniform which includes summer dresses, short trousers etc. If you have any questions about uniform and our expectations, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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School Spider

If you haven't already, please ensure that you have downloaded the School Spider app. We will no longer be using Parent Mail and School Spider will be your point of contact for updates, news and events. Also, all bookings for Breakfast and After School Clubs will only be available through School Spider. For this week, cash payments are accepted. We would prefer that all payments are cashless going forward unless otherwise stated.

School Principles

At Castleway, we don't have 'school rules' we have a set of principles that we all live by each and every day. These principles haven't changed from last year and they also include our Nursery School children too. Our Castleway Principles cover all members of our school community from children to families and from staff to governors.

We are proud of our community and we are proud of how we look after each other. We are Castleway.

 **We listen to each other.**

We respect each other and our community. 

 **We look after each other.**

We keep each other safe. 

 **We are Castleway!**

Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of these initial dates for just some of the events we have planned for this term at Castleway. As always, these dates may be subject to change. Where events are in the future (such as discos and Parents' Evening) we will share further information in due course.

When?	What?	Who?
07/09/23	Whole School PE Day - Primary	Primary School children
08/09/23	Rock Kidz Day	All Nursery & Primary children
12/09/23	Year 1 & Year 2 – Meet the Teacher Meeting	Y1 & Y2 Families
13/09/23	Year 3 & Year 4 – Meet the Teacher Meeting	Y3 & Y4 Families
14/09/23	Year 5 & Year 6 – Meet the Teacher Meeting	Y5 & Y6 Families
15/09/23	Roald Dahl Day – Brew, Book and a Bagel for Families	All Families
15/09/23	Whole School PE Day – Primary (Each Friday from today)	Primary School children
20/09/23	National Fitness Day	Primary School children
29/09/23	Macmillan Coffee Morning for Families	All Families
29/09/23	Cake Sale for Macmillan – Donations welcome!	Primary & Nursery children
17/10/23	Spooky Discos	Primary & Nursery children
07/11/23	Parents' Evening One (only book one appointment)	Primary & Nursery families
09/11/23	Parents' Evening Two (only book one appointment)	Primary & Nursery families

I have thoroughly enjoyed walking in and out of each and every one of our classrooms over the last two days. We have everything we need for an absolutely amazing year at Castleway. I really can't wait!

Your 'Friday Update' will be with you as usual at the end of the week.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher

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