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



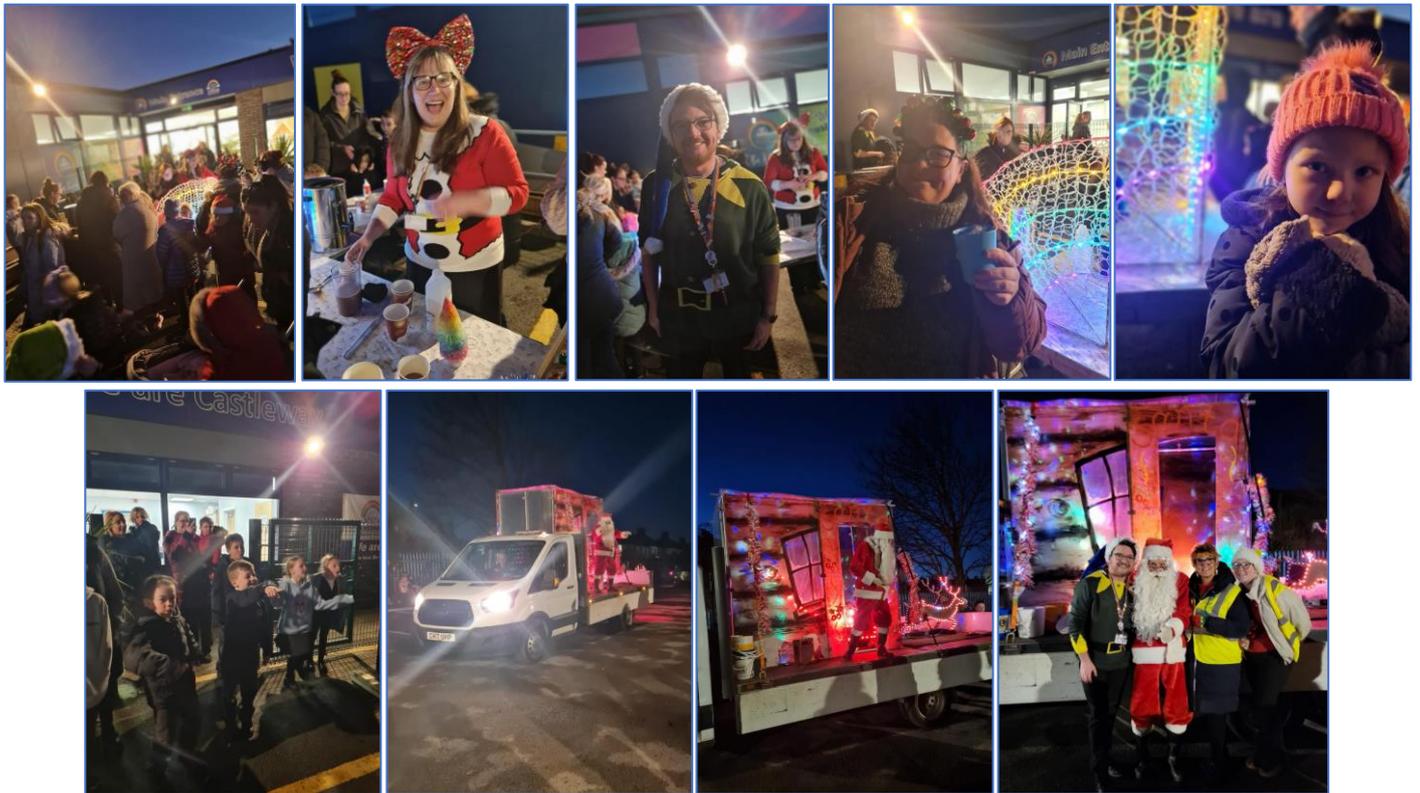
Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Families,

Wow, what a fabulously festive week. Our school really has been shining at the heart of our community and I couldn't be prouder to be Castleway's Headteacher. As always, here's your weekly reminder of why Castleway is the place to be!

### Birkenhead Lions Santa Parade

We absolutely loved how fabulous festive we all felt as the Birkenhead Lions Christmas Parade started at Castleway yesterday evening. It was brilliant to welcome so many of you to Castleway. Our school really is at the heart of our community and last night was further proof of this! We hope you enjoyed your hot chocolate and #CastleCheer if you joined us. Huge thanks must also go to our 'hot chocolate crew' for our winter warmers, the ever-wonderful Debbie from Tesco and our incredible Miss McDonough too. As always, there are plenty more photos on our social media profiles for you to enjoy!



### Thank You to Moreton FC Community Fundraising

We are so grateful to the wonderful Moreton FC Community Fundraising for their incredibly kind donation of Christmas gifts for our families. The kindness of people in our community really never ceases to amaze us.

Kindness really does make all the difference.

Thank you so much!

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### Years 3 & 4 Violin Concert

Our Years 3 & 4 children showcased their musical skills in a special concert for families. Confident, skilful and full of Christmas cheer. The level of skill shown after just one term of tuition has already got us excited for their end of year performance. Huge thanks to all who joined us, having our community involved in celebrating our children's achievements makes these events even more special.



### Book Advent Calendar

Our Book Advent Calendar is a yearly tradition now at Castleway. Each day, our Captains deliver a special festive treat to each class and, it's safe to say, our children love it! When we say we love reading at Castleway, we really do mean it!



### Join Team Castleway for September 2024

Was your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020? Have you applied for their school place for September 2024? We've already had a huge number of applications for families to join Team Castleway in our next Reception Class! **The deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.** Even if your child already attends Castleway's F1 Class, you must still apply for a Primary School place via the Wirral Portal website: <https://bit.ly/CastlewayApplications>. If you need any help, just let us know!



### Vara Sports Christmas Camp

Have you booked for Vara Sports Christmas Camps at Castleway yet? There are FREE spaces available. Remember that you don't have to come to Castleway to benefit from this great partnership offer.

Book your FREE or PAID space today via the link: <https://vara-sports.classforkids.io/>.

All questions should go directly to our friends at Vara Sports.



## Curriculum Celebration Afternoons

This term we have introduced our 'Curriculum Celebration Afternoons' to allow our children to celebrate their learning with their families. It has been lovely to see our children confidently talking through their learning with their families and even more lovely to see our families getting involved with the activities planned by our teachers too. It's safe to say that we now know that some of our families are more competitive than we first thought! Our celebration afternoons will be back at the end of next term. We'll share the next set of dates early in the New Year.



### **Team Point Challenge – Winners!**

Congratulations to the winners of this term's Team Point Challenge. Team Hawking have won their very own non-uniform day. Members of Team Hawking can leave their uniform at home for the day. A message will be sent to all parents of children in Team Hawking today so that families are aware. We have ensured that all siblings are in the same team to make it easier for families on occasions like this.



### **Rudolph Run!**

Today we all took part in the 'Rudolph Run' to raise funds for our friends at Wirral Hospice St. John's. It was lovely to see the whole Castleway community come together to have fun and raise money for this incredible cause that is very close to our hearts. We'll keep you posted with the total but if you'd like to donate, please use the Just Giving link that can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/castlewayprimaryrudolphrun>.



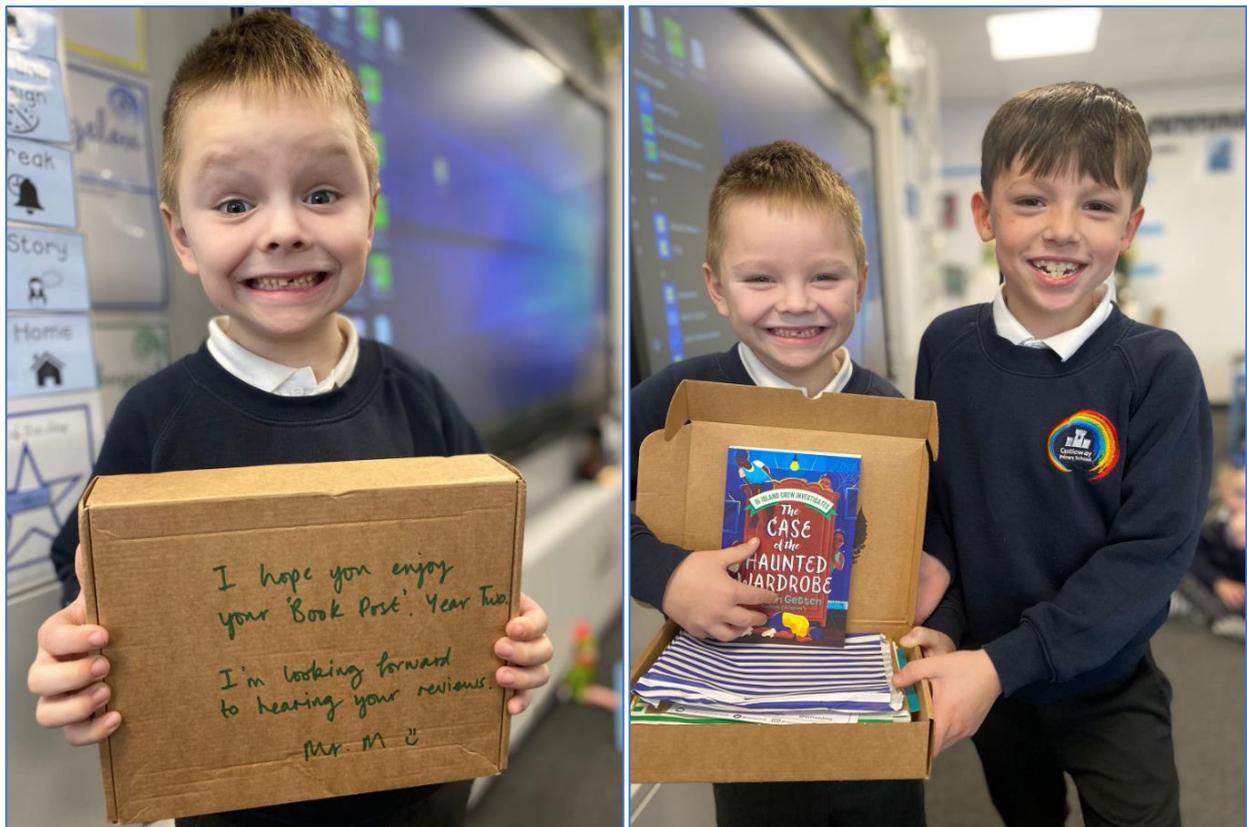
### **Breakfast with Santa**

We have loved welcoming Father Christmas in to school for a series of special events this week. Our 'Breakfast with Santa' events have been yet another opportunity for our children to make memories with their families and friends. Something tells me we haven't seen the last of Santa for this year just yet...



### **Book Post**

It's no secret that we love reading at Castleway but the looks on these faces say more than words ever can! I regularly send 'book post' to our classes thanks to our friends at VIP Reading and the expressions here show that our children love receiving their special reading packages.



**CastleTots' Special Visitor**

As you'll know, our CastleTots group runs every Tuesday during term time at 9:30am. This week was even more special than usual because they were joined by the big man himself...



**Winter Wonderland!**

We're excited for our special winter themed events next week. We have our EYFS Winter Fun Day and our Winter Discos to look forward to! Donations are welcome via School Spider if you can.



**Dates for your Diary**

Please make a note of these dates for just some of the events we have planned. These dates may be subject to change.

When?	What?	Who?
12/01/24	Whole School Panto Visit – Aladdin <i>(Payments now available on School Spider)</i>	Primary School children
04/02/24	Years 4 & 5 Residential Visit	Years 4 & 5 children
23/05/24	Year 6 Residential Visit to Gulliver’s World	Year 6 children



## Christmas Events and Activities

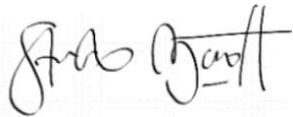
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18/12/23	Reception & Year 1 Nativity – 9:30 & 14:30 <i>Please book your FREE tickets via School spider</i>	Reception Class & Year 1 Families
19/12/23	Early Years Winter Fun Day – Non-uniform (winter themed) <i>Donations via School Spider please.</i>	Nursery & Reception Class Children
19/12/23	Winter Discos <i>Tickets to be purchased via School Spider please.</i>	Nursery – Year 6
20/12/23	Songs Around the Christmas Tree – 10:30 & 14:30	Nursery School Families
20/12/23	Christmas Dinner Day	Nursery – Year 6
21/12/23	End of Term	Primary & Nursery School Children
08/01/24	Return to School – Happy New Year	Primary & Nursery School Children

Believe it or not, this is just a snapshot of what goes on at Castleway. We are incredibly lucky to have an incredible team who continue to go over and above for our children and families. I would like to extend an extra special thanks to each and every member of Team Castleway.

We are Castleway and **we are very proud of it.**

Have a lovely weekend and I'll see you all, for the last 'CastleWeek' of 2023, on Monday!

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher

