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Friday, 15th March 2024

Dear Families,

I do hope that you all enjoy reading our Friday Updates as much as I enjoy putting them together. Looking at all key events and sharing them with you is such a nice way to end the week. Today our school has been 'unusually red' as we've celebrated Comic Relief's Red Nose Day in a very 'CastleWay'. Once again, your generosity has been wonderful. Anyway, without further ado, here's your Friday Update...

#CastleYey Comedy Showcase

Confidence and Comedy, #ThatsTheCastleWay! Our CastleYey Comedy Showcase for Comic Relief got everyone giggling this morning and we were super impressed with their confidence. Huge well done to everyone who took to the 'CastleYey stage', we laughed a lot!



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A very 'red' Celebration Assembly

We love having the chance to celebrate our children's achievements each week. Our assembly this week was a little more 'red' than usual as we celebrated Red Nose Day too! Well done to all of our award winners!



Snoopy Came to Visit

We loved welcoming to wonderful Snoopy to Castleway on Monday and I know that our children will love getting to know him over the coming weeks and months. Snoopy was very impressed with the reading skills of our Reception Class.



New Age Kurling

A great time was had by our children who attended Wirral School Games' New Age Kurling event on Wednesday. As an unexpected bonus, the children got to try their hands at boccia too! Thanks to Mr. Kenningham for accompanying our team and allowing them to have this experience.



On Target Challenge

As shared on Tuesday, our 'On Target Challenge' is taking place next week! As you'll know, our attendance target is 96% and after being acknowledged for our excellent attendance in Autumn Term, we're keen to continue our upwards trend. All children are included in this challenge as regardless of the age of your children, every day at school matters. By choosing Castleway, you are choosing to support our drive for positive attendance and we're very grateful of that. Full details can be read here: <https://bit.ly/Castleway20240312>.



Reception Class in Forest School

Reception Class had another fun day in the forest this week! Lots of muddy puddles for squelching and jumping in, cups of tea from the mud kitchen, and another session with the Christmas trees - this time using them as a base to hide from the dinosaurs that might be hiding in the forest!



Celebrating our Mothers and Significant Others

What better way to celebrate International Women's Day and Mother's Day than to invite our 'Mothers and Significant Others' in to school for our annual Afternoon Tea. It was lovely to see the important women in our lives take some time for themselves and our hall was filled with chat, laughter and celebration. Thanks to everyone who was able to join us.



CastleTots

We had another wonderful Castle Tots session on Tuesday. There was lots of reading this week and one of our friends even brought her favourite book from home to share with us. Our love of reading starts early at Castleway!



EYFS – Easter Fun Day

We're 'egg-cited' for our EYFS Easter Fun Day! Children in Nursery School and Reception Class have a fun filled day ahead of them on Wednesday. We're sure it'll be a cracking day! It's non-uniform for our youngest children with donations welcome via School Spider.



Easter Bonnet Parade – Primary School Children

As you know from our weekly updates, it's our Easter Bonnet Parade and family assembly on Thursday 28th March. Due to capacity in our hall, booking is essential. Bookings are now live on your School Spider app.



Curriculum Celebration Afternoons

It's approaching the end of term so that means it is time to start thinking about our Curriculum Celebration Afternoons. All of the dates below have been shared previously on our newsletter so we hope you can make it to help us celebrate your children's learning! Please remember that parents of our Nursery School children are invited in to 'Stay and Play' sessions each week so that's why they aren't included.

- **Reception Class** - 18th March at 2:30pm, **Year 1** - 28th March at 2:30pm, **Year 2** - 27th March at 2:30pm, **Year 3** - 26th March at 2:30pm, **Year 4** - 25th March at 2:30pm, **Year 5** - 22nd March at 2:30pm & **Year 6** - 19th March at 2:30pm.



Year Two Residential Visit

Thanks to the families who joined Miss Dalby and Mrs. Williams at the meeting to discuss our upcoming residential. Don't worry if you missed it, [we've shared the slides via School Spider or you can also access them as a .pdf here.](#)

Times of the Day – Primary School

Please ensure you are familiar with the times of our school day especially with our 'On Target Challenge' starting!



The Castle Day

Gates Open at 8:45am

Doors Open at 8:50am

Learning Starts at 8:55am

Registers Close at 9:20am

Arriving after 9:20am means your child has the equivalent of an absent mark.

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Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of these dates for just some of the events we have planned. Please be aware that, although we'll try our absolute best not to, these dates may be subject to change. **Bookings via School**



Spider will open closer to the time for some of the later events.

When?	What?	Who?
18/03/24	Years 3 & 4 to Floral Pavilion – Pinocchio *Payment via School Spider Please*	Years 3 & 4 Children
18/03/24	Reception Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Reception Class Children
19/03/24	Year 6 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 6 Class Children
20/03/24	EYFS Easter Fun Day – Non-Uniform	Nursery & Reception Children
20/03/24	Parents' Evening 1 - 3:30pm – 6:30pm Bookings are now open!	Primary & Nursery School Families *Bookings via School Spider*
21/03/24	Parents' Evening 2 - 3:30pm – 5:00pm Bookings are now open!	Primary & Nursery School Families *Bookings via School Spider*
21/03/24	World Down Syndrome Day – Full Uniform & Odd Socks	All children and staff
22/03/24	Year 5 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 5 Class Children
25/03/24	Year 4 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 4 Class Children
26/03/24	Year 3 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 3 Class Children
27/03/24	Year 2 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 2 Class Children
28/03/24	Easter Bonnet Parade – Family Assembly – 9:30am	Families of Primary School Children
28/03/24	Year 1 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 1 Class Children
28/03/24	Close for Easter Break	All children and staff
23/05/24	Year 6 Residential Visit to Gulliver's World	Year 6 Children
09/07/24	Year 2 Residential Visit	Year 2 Children

What a week! Thank you, as always, to our wonderful families. The constant support that you show our school means the absolute world and it is part of the reason our school is such a wonderful place.

Have a wonderful weekend and we'll see you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher



