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Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Families,

Well, we've had all of the weather this week haven't we! We've loved welcoming all of the children back after the Easter break and have wasted no time in getting back in to the 'CastleWay' of doing things. As always, here's your Friday Update full of news, celebrations and a lovely long list of dates for your diary too! Here we go...



### Welcome to Team Castleway!

This week, we've welcomed more children to the Team Castleway family. Isla and Carter have joined Year 3 and they've already made themselves right at home. In addition to the new members of the Primary School family, we've welcomed lots of new starters to our Early Foundation and Foundation 1 classes in our Nursery School too. They've all settled brilliantly and we're excited to see what this term has in store for them! We love that the word about our school is continuing to spread and that more families are choosing to send their children to us.

### Young Gentlemen Project

We are very proud to be taking part in a new and exciting project specifically for our Year 5 boys; The Young Gentleman's Project. The aim is to help young boys to be the best version of themselves! The key focus of the YGP is to work with pupils to promote positive role models and looking at areas around being a 'Young Gentleman'. Our Year 5 boys absolutely loved their first session yesterday and we are so excited to get started!



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## RNLI – A Life Saving Assembly

We loved welcoming our visitors from the RNLI on Wednesday. They delivered a very active and informative assembly on water safety! Given that we are coastal, we take water safety very seriously but we did enjoy this assembly. Lots of us got involved to help, including Mrs Williams who gave a very convincing performance as the 'drowning person'!



## Book Post!

There were smiles all round in Year One on Tuesday afternoon as they enjoyed opening their latest Book Post. Mrs. Kirk was just as excited as the children, she couldn't wait to share one of the new stories!



### Games Club – Thank you Oliver!

Oliver in Year Six has been passionate about starting a Games Club during lunchtime for children to access and enjoy. Thanks to Oliver and Miss McDonough for starting this club, it's already proved to be quite popular!



### Who's in Charge?

What an amazing start to the 'Who's In Charge' course hosted at Castleway in partnership with [Crea8ing Community](#) this week. We were delighted to see 15 families from across our community represented. We're so proud of these adults for showing our children that we are always learning.



### Coffee... Evening!

It was lovely to host a special Coffee Evening last week to allow our families who could make it time to chat, catch up and laugh. It was a lovely evening and I'm reliably informed that there are 'big plans' for future events! Huge thanks to the ever-incredible Miss McDonough for hosting this event in her own time. Even when school is closed, we're proving that Castleway is at the heart of our community.



### Golden Ticket Time - Reception Class 2024

The families of the children joining us in September 2024 as our next Reception Class have received their confirmation that they're going to be members of Team Castleway. To hear the sheer excitement of people securing their place at our school means so much. We'll be in touch with families very soon to share the exciting transition plans! Golden tickets will be heading out to all families as soon as the Local Authority finalise the list after appeals etc. I have been approached by some parents who missed the deadline to apply. Please remember that Wirral Admissions Team deal with this, not school. You can contact School Admissions via phone on 0151 606 2000 or find further information at [www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions).



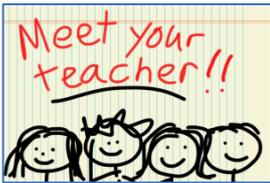
Already we're having enquiries about applications for September 2025! As mentioned above, please remember that Wirral Admissions Team deal with all applications. Applications for Reception Class 2025 open on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

### Neurodevelopmental Referrals – PAUSED



This week, the 0-19 team have sent an email to all Headteachers and SENDCOs across the borough. The team have made the decision to pause all referrals until further notice. We are up to date with school referrals but this decision means that we won't have any information or communication until the service is resumed. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. McCarthy.

### Classes and Staffing for 2024/25



I know that the school organisation and classes for next year is already a hot topic for many of you at the moment. This is something that the Leadership Team and I are discussing and do reflect on regularly. Please be assured that the decision of which teacher is in which class is based on the experience and skills of our teaching staff and the needs of each cohort of children. It is still incredibly early for information about next year to be shared, not least due to the fact

that the teacher resignation date is 31<sup>st</sup> May for teachers to leave at the end of this academic year. Whilst I don't want any of our teachers to leave, there are progression opportunities available at other schools that teachers may wish to apply for. When the final decision is made and information is shared with families, we will also hold 'Meet the Teacher' coffee mornings to give families the chance to meet and chat with your child's next teacher. Rest assured, putting the children first is what we do at Castleway and preparing for them to move to their next class is no exception!

### Pride Picnic – Save the Date

We're delighted to share the date of our third annual **Pride Picnic!**

Please make sure you save the date for Wednesday 26th June.

Families and community members are invited to join us on our field from 12:00pm.



**Learning Together – Nursery School Meeting**

Nursery School families are invited to join us for our Summer Term 'Learning Together' meeting. This meeting is to talk all about your child's learning journey and all of the exciting things that are happening at Castleway! We're looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, 1st May.



Castleway Nursery School

# Learning Together

Join us to talk about your child's learning journey and all of the exciting things that are happening at Castleway Nursery School.

Wednesday, 1st May 2024

Join us at 9:00am or 2:45pm in the school hall.

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**Reception Class loved being back in the forest!**

Reception Class loved returning to Forest School this week! Helping get rid of nettles, playing what's the time Mr Wolf, planning and making shelters and making a tower of tyres. Our Forest School really is a magical place.



# FAMILY FUN DAY!



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**Saturday  
27th April  
11:00-15:00**



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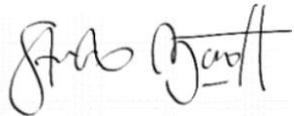


As far as first weeks back go, this really has been a fabulous one! Thank you all for your continued help and support. It really does help to make our school the wonderful place that it is.

The dates for your diary are on the next page for those of you who like to get your calendar up to date with all things Castleway. Please remember that in addition to sharing our upcoming dates via our newsletter, we also update the 'events' section of our website which can also be viewed in your School Spider app.

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you all, safe and well, on Monday.

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher



Alone we can do so little; together  
we can do so much.

— Helen Keller —



## Dates for your Diary

As you'd expect, there's plenty to look forward to this term at Castleway. As usual, some of these dates may be subject to change but we do like to give as much notice as possible as we love having our families involved!

When?	What?	Who?
01/05/24	Nursery School 'Learning Together' Meetings – 9am or 2pm	Nursery School families
13/05/24	Spot on Time Challenge Week!	All children
<b>13/05/24</b>	<b>Start of Y6 Assessment Week – SATs Week 100% Attendance is essential</b>	<b>All Year 6 children</b>
17/05/24	SATs All Folks – Year 6 Special Lunch	All Year 6 children
22/05/24	Seaside EYFS Theme Day – Nursery School & Reception Class	Nursery & Reception Class children
22/05/24	School Disco (Years 1 – 6)	Years 1 – 6
23/05/24	Year 6 Residential Visit to Gulliver's World	Year 6 children
24/05/24	Come Dine with Reception Class – 11:30am	Reception Class families
<b>24/05/24</b>	<b>School Closes - Whitsuntide Half Term Break</b>	<b>All children and staff</b>
<b>03/06/24</b>	<b>Back to School – School reopens</b>	<b>All children and staff</b>
07/06/24	Come Dine with Year 1 – 11:30am	Year 1 families
14/06/24	Come Dine with Year 2 – 11:30am	Year 2 families
19/06/24	Welcome to Team Castleway Reception Class 2024/25 Parents' Meeting – 1:30pm or 5:30pm	New Reception Class families
21/06/24	Come Dine with Year 3 – 11:30am	Year 3 families
26/06/24	Castleway's 'Come as You Are' Day!	All children and staff
26/06/24	Castleway's Annual Pride Picnic	All children & families
28/06/24	Come Dine with Year 4 – 11:30am	Year 4 families
03/07/24	Transition Day – All children with their new teachers!	Primary school children
03/07/24	Stay & Play – New Reception Class Transition	New Reception Class families
04/07/24	Year 2 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Year 2 families
05/07/24	Primary School Sports Day – Families Invited at 1:30pm	Year 1 – Year 6
05/07/24	Come Dine with Year 5 – 11:30am	Year 5 families
08/07/24	Reception Class Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Reception Class families
09/07/24	New Reception Class – Family Lunch – 1:30pm	New Reception Class families
09/07/24	Year 1 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Year 1 families
09/07/24	Year 2 Residential Visit	Year 2 children
10/07/24	Nursery School Sports Day & Family Picnic – 10:00am	Nursery School families
10/07/24	Nursery & Reception Class Sports Day & Family Picnic – 1:30pm	Nursery School families
10/07/24	New Reception Class – Family Lunch – 1:30pm	New Reception Class families
10/07/24	Year 3 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Year 3 families
11/07/24	Year 4 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Year 4 families
12/07/24	Year 5 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Year 5 families
12/07/24	Year 6 Annual Sleepover – Return to School at 7:00pm	Year 6 children
12/07/24	Annual Reports out to Parents	All children
16/07/24	Year 6 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Year 6 families
17/07/24	Year 6 Leavers' Disco – 5:30pm	Year 6 children
18/07/24	Come Dine with Year 6 – One Last Dine! 11:30am	Year 6 families
19/07/24	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9:30am	Year 6 children and families
<b>19/07/24</b>	<b>School's Out for Summer! Finishing at the usual times.</b>	<b>All children, staff and families</b>
03/09/24	Back to School!	<b>All children, staff and families</b>

