



# Leasowe Nursery School & Family Centre

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Dear Families,

We hope the weather wasn't too cold for you all over the weekend and are ready for another fun-filled week in nursery. We are having a major change to our online learning journals this week as we change from Tapestry to Learning Journals (more information can be found below). Also, as it's fast approaching 'the season to be jolly', be sure to check out what events are happening in the run up to Christmas in the table at the end of the Newsletter.

### Staffing Update

I am delighted to share an exciting update with you all with regards to staffing and capacity at our school.

As Castleway's Deputy Head teacher, **Mrs. Riley** is an experienced school leader who has been committed to our local community for over 10 years. Mrs. Riley is excited to take on the post of Unity Federation Deputy Headteacher and as such she will be spending more time at LNS to add to our leadership capacity. Mrs. Riley has already spent time meeting our staff and children and can't wait to get stuck in to making our Leasowe Nursery School even better.



**Mrs. Riley**



**Mrs. Kirk**

**Mrs. Kirk** is a dedicated and well-respected member of the Castleway family and has been for over 11 years now but a lesser known fact is that Mrs. Kirk is a Montessori trained nursery teacher and has a huge passion for Early Years. Mrs. Kirk has agreed to utilise her training and passion for Early Years to take a good look at our curriculum and our learning environments to make sure our children are getting the best possible outcomes. As Mrs. Kirk's mum worked at our Nursery School for many years, there's a strong connection to LNS for Mrs. Kirk and she is very much looking forward to meeting our wonderful children tomorrow and working closely with parents and staff going forward.

I'm delighted that we're able to share the expertise and enthusiasm of these dedicated members of Castleway staff with our Nursery School children and families to ensure that there is 'no child left behind' across our Federation of schools.

### Rainbowfish

It has been another busy week in Rainbow fish room. Our children have been introduced to the wonderful story, 'Stickman'. We talked a lot about our families (and looked at some pictures of them too!). We also created our own family tree using paint and our hands. For role play last week, children dressed up as vets in the pet shop. Out in the large garden, we enjoyed doing lots of exercises and running races. We would like to thank you for all of your generous donations to Children in Need last week, we had lots of fun dressing up and joining in lots of fun activities.



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Over the next two weeks, we will be holding parents' evenings. There will be a list at the Rainbowfish entrance for you to write what time and day you will be able to come and see your child's key person. This will be an opportunity to talk about your child's progression both here at nursery and at home as well as discussing your child's individual targets. If you have any concerns or struggles you wish to raise, we can work alongside our commissioned services team to help support you and your family with useful ideas and strategies. This time is also the perfect opportunity to celebrate all of the amazing things your child has achieved so far.

### **Octopus**

Last week we looked at the letters **T** and **D**. We cooked up an angel delight and some of us even tried it (yum!). We made tree pictures using our hands modelling the letter **T**. For the letter **D**, we had a dance at **Dre Drums** disco. On Friday we did our part for Children in Need; we dressed up; had our faces painted and had a delicious teddy bear's picnic. This week we are exploring the sounds **K** and **G**.



### **Supper & Stories**

Supper and stories will start at 3:45pm on Wednesday. If your child is in nursery that afternoon and you are booked on, please collect your child at their usual time, come to main reception, sign in and head to the hall to have a short play before your child's room leader comes and collects you at 3:45pm. We will be reading some exciting stories and enjoying some warm soup. We want to be as cosy as possible, please come in your PJs. We are asking families to donate to Ronald McDonald House Charities UK for this event as they have supported one of our lovely families recently. Donation buckets will be in the rooms and we also have a just giving link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/leasowe-nursery>. Every penny counts!



### **Out of centre Supper & Stories**

For our wonderful out of centre families, we are so sorry we had to cancel your supper and stories event last week! Don't worry, we have postponed until 1st December so you are not missing out! If you had originally booked a place, we have held that place for you, no need to re-book. If any out of centre families in the Leasowe or Moreton area would like to come along, give our lovely reception team a call on 0151 639 8923 to book your place.



### **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Group**

Last week, we ran our first ever 'Dolly Parton' Group. Babies born in April 2021 and after may be eligible for this free book gifting programme. Your child will receive a free book in the post every month and the first book is even signed by Dolly herself! We invited our local families who are a part of this initiative to a group all about the most recent book they had received, 'Baby sparkle; Baby animals'. This was such a magical way of bringing the book to life! We tickled with yellow feathers, explored colours using the parachute and bounced on the trampoline like a bunny. If you think your baby may be eligible for this, call us 0151 639 8923 and ask for Beth or Steph so we can have a look and sign you up!



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### **What to expect at Early Years Foundation Stage – Guide**

This guide is a useful tool to know what to expect during your child's time in the foundation stage. It contains information on children's development throughout the different age ranges and how you can help with your child's learning.

Follow this link to take a look at the guide: <https://bit.ly/EYFSGuide>

### **Learning Journals – Our New Children's Journals System!**

As we're constantly reviewing and refining what we're doing to ensure we're doing all that we can for our children and sharing their learning with families, we will be moving to a new system called Learning Journals. Although the layout is different to Tapestry, Learning Journals will be providing a similar service. All parents should now have a login for Learning Journals that has been sent to you via email. If you cannot find this, please email [schooloffice@ley.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@ley.wirral.sch.uk) and we will resend the login information to you. There is also an app for parents for both Apple and Android phones, just search for 'Learning Journals'. We're looking forward to sharing our children's learning with you over the rest of this academic year.

### **Leasowe's Book Wish List – There's still time to support us!**

Huge thanks to those of you who have already 'bought us a book', we do appreciate it! As you may be aware, we've partnered with an independent book seller called 'A New Chapter Books' who specialise in diverse and representative books. Castleway received over 30 fabulous books from generous members of their school community and we'd like to ask our community if they'd be able to help us increase our range of quality books for our children to enjoy. Don't forget to ask your friends if they'd like to donate a book to our school too! If you'd like to buy us a book, or if you're asking a friend too, please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/TeamLNSBookWishList>.



### **The Unity Federation**

As you know, we're one of the founding schools of The Unity Federation. If you'd like to know more about what's happening over at Castleway, you can read the latest update here: <https://bit.ly/Castleway20211119>.



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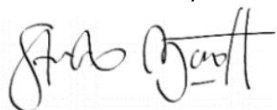
**Dates for your Diaries:**

When?	What?	Who?	How Much?
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 3:45pm - 4:45pm</b>	Supper & Stories (inc. PJ day for Ronald McDonald House)	All Children's Rooms (and Parents)	Donation to Ronald McDonald House
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 4:00pm – 5:00pm</b>	Supper & Stories (Ronald McDonald House)	Commissioned Services Team Families	Donation to Ronald McDonald House
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am – 10:30am</b>	Forest Friday Christmas Special	Commissioned Services Team Families	No Charge
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December All Day</b>	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)	All Children's Rooms	Donation to Save the Children
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December All Day</b>	Christmas Parties	All Children's Rooms	£2 (£1 for book, £1 for food)
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am – 10:45am</b>	Christmas Party	Commissioned Services Team Families	£2 (£1 for book, £1 for food)
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am – 10:30am</b>	Forest Friday Christmas Special	Commissioned Services Team Families	No Charge

*\*Please note to ensure as many people can attend Forest Friday's Christmas event as possible, families will only be able to book onto one of the dates above*

And as always, thank you for your continued help and support. If you have any questions, comments, concerns or have some good news to share, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. S. Mycroft  
Executive Headteacher



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