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Dear Parents & Carers

This will be the final newsletter of this session.

### **School Uniform**

Uniform orders which arrive before the end of term will be distributed to families. For those who placed their uniform order recently it will be available on the two In-Service Days from the school office. The final uniform order will be submitted to our supplier on Thursday. We will send your child's gym shoes home on Thursday. Please ensure that your child returns to school with a pair of indoor gym shoes which fit them on the first day of term.

### **School Meals and Funding for Castleview**

Additional staffing is available to City of Edinburgh schools if the uptake of Free School Meals is high. It is therefore in everyone's interest that parents/carers complete their Free School Meal applications and return to our office staff. If you are entitled to receive Free School Meals, please support your child and the school by applying for this benefit.

Castleview children are only able to have a school meal if they are on the Free Meal Entitlement list, pay on the day or pay in advance. We regret that if a pupil has not paid and is not on the free meal entitlement list, a meal cannot be provided.

### **Staffing Changes**

Principal Teacher Clare Langley will return to Castleview part-time in August. Jane Kelly will continue to support part-time as Acting Principal Teacher. I would like to thank Jane for the excellent support she has given during Clare's absence.

Due to Clare's maternity absence ending, Gillian Pelosi's post in the nursery will no longer be available. We will miss Gillian very much and thank her for all her hard work. We wish her every success in finding a permanent post within the City.

Collette Davie has a wedding arranged for during the holidays. We wish her and her partner every happiness on their special day. Collette will return as Mrs Bonnar.

Learning Assistant Jennifer Hutton will be entering teacher training in September. Thanks to Jennifer for her commitment to Castleview especially the after-school hockey club which our children benefited enormously from.

Sadly our Active School Sports Co-ordinator Nicola Barclay has been placed in another school by the Dept of Children and Families. We were very sad to hear this news as Nicola had worked hard to begin some exciting activities for our school on her arrival in February. She will be greatly missed but it is hoped that her managers will find a replacement Sports Co-ordinator for the beginning of the new term.

### **Standards Quality and Improvement Plan**

I enclose a summary of our Standards Quality and Improvement Plan. A full copy can be found on the documents page of our school website. You will read that Castleview has had another very successful year. If you wish to have a paper copy please ask our Administration Team to print one for you.

### **Preparations for the Start of Term**

On Thursday P1-6 pupils will practice lining up at their new doors so that they are prepared for the start of term. On the first day of term our new P7 pupils will be in the playground with direction signs, helping parents to find their child's line. Our new P1 pupils will come to the front door on the first day of term and thereafter line up at their class door.

### **END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS**

- 01 July** Nursery end of term party for all Nursery pupils.  
Nursery ends at 11.20 (Packed Lunch) Please remember to collect your child.
- 02 July**  
**11.55** **P7 Pupils Applauded out of Castlevue**  
**All pupils leave by the front door**  
Parents and Carers invited to view from the playground at the front door  
Please be there to collect your child at **12 noon**
- 12 noon** **School Summer Break**
- 17 August In-Service for staff - no pupils (Uniform can be collected from School Office)  
18 August In-Service for staff - no pupils (Uniform can be collected from School Office)
- 19 August** P2-7 Pupils return for session 2008-2009. Line up at **8.40am** in class lines  
Nursery pupils have been issued with their individual start times  
P1 pupils enter by the front door for the first day only at **8:50am**

I would like to wish all pupils, staff, parents, carers and friends of Castlevue a restful and sunny summer break. This session, Castlevue has once again surpassed all previous attainment levels and the school continues to grow in reputation in the city and nationally.

"Team Castlevue" are already planning an exciting range of learning activities for our pupils next year and I have no doubt that we are on course to exceed this year's achievements.

Happy Holidays!

Yours sincerely

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