



# The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

## Upcoming

- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 3 Meet the Teacher 5.00pm
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher 5.00pm
- Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 4 and 5 Meet the Teacher 5.00pm
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 6 Meet the Teacher 5.00pm
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – Photograph Day (KS1 & KS2)
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Mass
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – Photograph Day (Nursery and Reception)
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Hobgoblin theatre to visit Y5
- 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – Half term

### Late collection

We are still seeing a number of parents who are regularly arriving late to collect their children from school, which is causing anxiety for the children and additional work for the school office.

From Monday, parents who are late will now need to complete a form detailing why they are late before their children will be released to them. A member of the senior leadership team will also be in the office area to speak with parents who are late. We are putting these measures in place to discourage lateness, as it impacts the children's wellbeing.

### PE Kits

Just a reminder that the children should now be wearing white polo shirts for their PE kit. The shirt does not need to have a Botwell logo. The navy t-shirts should no longer be worn.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning



The Parish will be having a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00am until 4.00pm.

Donations of cakes would be much appreciated. Simply bring them up to the Oasis in the morning when you drop the children off to school.

Most importantly, don't forget to drop in for a coffee and cake during the day.



### Book Fairies



Thank you to those who responded to join our Book Fairy team. If you are interested, it is not too late. Full training will be given.

For more information, please contact the school office.

### Meet the Teacher sessions

Thank you to all of the parents who supported their children's learning by attending the Meet the Teacher sessions this week. We are sure that you found these sessions useful in both understanding what your child is learning at school and how you can support them at home.

Our final Meet the Teacher session for Year 6 will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, from 5.00 – 5.45pm in the Year 6 classrooms.

## **Prayer and Reflection**

During this week we celebrated the Feast of St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist (21st September).

At the time that Jesus summoned him to follow Him, Matthew was a tax-collector for the Romans. No one was more shunned by the Jews than a Jew working for the Roman enemy by robbing his own people and making a large personal profit. Tax collectors were not allowed to trade, eat, or even pray with others Jews.

One day, while seated at his table of books and money, Jesus looked at Matthew and said two words: "Follow me." This was all that was needed to make Matthew rise, leaving his pieces of silver to follow Christ. His original name, "Levi," in Hebrew signifies "Adhesion" while his new name in Christ, Matthew, means "Gift of God."

St. Matthew is known to us principally as an Evangelist. He was the first to put down in writing our Lord's teaching and the account of His life. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke. His Gospel was written to convince the Jews that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus.

Let us pray:

*Through the intercession of St. Matthew, the Evangelist, may we always put aside worldly distractions and follow You, O Lord, as quietly as St. Matthew left his work and immediately became one of Your disciples. By his example and prayers, help us to follow You, without counting the cost, and remain faithful in Your service, now and forever. Amen*

