



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 20th October 2023

Upcoming

- 23rd – 27th Oct – Half term
- Mon 30th Oct – Children return to school
- 31st Oct – Y3 Science Workshop
- 1st Nov – Y5 Science Workshop
- Wed 1st Nov – New wraparound care service provider to start
- Wed 1st Nov – All Saints Mass
- 2nd Nov – Year 1 Eat the Rainbow Workshop
- WB 13th Nov – Maths Week
- WB 13th Nov – Year 5 swimming
- WB 20th Nov – Year 5 swimming

Change in wraparound care

Many families will remember that in the midst of lockdown in 2020 our wraparound care provider let us down and refused to continue service. We put together our own model which has successfully been in place now for some time. To move the provision further forward, we will be outsourcing the provision to a specialist provider called 'School Friend Club.'

This provision will be open later, to 6pm, to support our working families. Soon, children that are nursery age will also be able to attend.

Families that are already accessing the service will be contacted by the new provider towards the end of October in time for their start date of 1st November 2023.

We are very happy to have been able to secure this company's service, who have been highly recommended by a number of other local schools.

Football Team

Congratulations once again to our Year 6 football team, who continued their winning streak by beating Minet School 2-0. We are proud of you all!

Netball Team



Well done to the netball team who have competed against Dr Triplets and Minet schools for the last three weeks. They played extremely well and represented Botwell beautifully. We look forward to continuing our success in the new year.

Mobile Phones



Can we remind all parents that mobile phones are NOT to be used ANYWHERE on the school site. We have had a number of parents who are using their phones whilst dropping off and collecting their children. Some of these parents are then challenging staff when asked to come off their phones.

As a school, we have a responsibility to safeguard all our children and protect

them from any filming and/or photographs that may be carried out on mobile phones and our staff will challenge anyone seen on a phone.

If you need to make or receive a telephone call, then please do so outside of the main gates.

Prayer and Reflection

This week, on the 18th October, was the feast day of St. Luke the Evangelist, the writer of the third Gospel. He never met Christ in person, but in his Gospel he says that he came to know about Jesus by talking to eyewitnesses to the events of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection. Hearing those stories helped Luke to become a believer, and he wrote his Gospel so that others would come to know and love Jesus.

Luke was a doctor and, in his Gospel, he helps us to know how concerned Jesus was for the sick, the poor, and anyone in need of help, mercy, and forgiveness. Luke tells us that Jesus came to save all people. Through Luke's Gospel, we learn how compassionate and caring Jesus was. Some of the most famous stories Jesus told are found in Luke's Gospel: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37) and the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-42).

Luke is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles. In Acts, we learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit; the work of the Apostles, especially Saint Paul; and how the Church grew in the world. He was the one person who was said to have remained with Saint Paul during his imprisonment and until his death.

We celebrate Saint Luke's service to the Church each year on October 18th and remember that his Gospel continues to help us know and love Jesus. Luke's Gospel also reminds us to look for ways to imitate Jesus by reaching out to help our brothers and sisters in need.

Prayer to Saint Luke:

Most wonderful St. Luke

you are animated by the Heavenly Spirit of Love.

In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus,

you also showed His Divinity

and His genuine compassion for all human beings.

May the Holy Spirit, instructor of the faithful,

help me to understand Christ's words

and faithfully apply them in my life. Amen.

