



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Friends of Botwell (formally PTA) sign up



Your school needs you!

There is now a what's app group started up for members of the community that will be able to help out with up-coming events. If you have not been added to this group and would like to be involved, please email friendsofbotwell@botwellhouse.school

## Children in Need/Maths Week Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need last week, as well as providing money for the KS2 maths sale. We raised a total of £1152.03. £576.03 will be donated to Children in Need and £576.00 will go towards the Passage, who provide support and food for the homeless in London.

## <u> Parish Christmas Bazaar</u>



The parish Christmas bazaar will be taking place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 12.00pm – 4.00pm.

Our school choir will be singing at this event at 1.00pm, so please support them by

popping along to listen to their amazing singing.

### <u> Parish Car Park</u>

As of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, access to the parish car park will be blocked. Parents will no longer be able to enter for drop off and collection.

This has been put in place, due to the fact that despite repeated reminders, a small minority of parents have continued to use the car park in a morning and

afternoon, often removing the chain barrier and driving in through the exit. This has caused a safeguarding risk to our children, who are walking across the car park to get to and from school.

Next year, the parish will be installing a permanent barrier system that will only allow access to authorised visitors.

Parents who are dropping off and picking up their children by car can continue to use Lidl car park, where there is free parking for 90 minutes.

# Upcoming events

- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov Nasal flu vaccinations
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec iRock Concert (iRock parents to be invited)
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Jingle Jog fundraising event
- Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Dec KS1 nativity 9.30am
- Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Reception nativity 1.45pm
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Reception nativity 9.30am
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec KS1 nativity 1.45pm
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec F.O.B movie night (details to follow) Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 carol concert 6.00pm Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas dinner Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas party day Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day for Nursery children Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – End of term 1pm

### Girls' Football Team

This week, the Year 6 Girl's football team attended a tournament at Guru Nanak school. The girls, most of whom have never played in a football match before, tried really hard and did really well putting all of their newly learnt skills into practise. All represented our school fantastically and should be very proud of themselves.

### **Indoor Athletics Team**



On Thursday 23rd November we went to Swakeleys High School to participate in an Indoor Athletics Tournament. 18 children attended and participated in 4 events each some of the events included running races, chest push, standing long jump, standing triple jump, speed bounce and javelin to name a few. The children represented Botwell fantastically and tried really hard in all of their events to accumulate points for Botwell House. Well done to all the children that attended.

### Hayes Treasure Hunt Winners



During the October half term, a number of our children entered the annual Hayes Town Treasure Hunt. Incredibly, this year we had 18 winners!! Their prizes ranged from £100 in cash to a wristwatch!

The winning children were presented with their prizes by the treasure hunt's organisers Mr Brough and Mr Puar in today's celebration assembly. We want to say a massive well done to them all, and thank you to everyone who took part.

#### **Prayer and Reflection**

This Sunday, 26th November, is the Feast of Christ the King, officially known as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the Church's Liturgical year, a glorious celebration of our Lord who reigns benevolently in our lives. When Jesus taught us to pray "thy kingdom come," he taught us to invite Him as a king who has our best interests in mind to be in the centre of our lives and to do what He does best for our benefit and the benefit of others. He asks us to honour Him by caring for the least among us.

Let us praise Jesus Christ our king for the wonderful things he has done. He sends out his word to heal us. He satisfies the thirsty with the water of life. He fills the hungry with the abundance of his kingdom. May we always trust in his goodness and love, And have faith in his grace and mercy, Let us praise Jesus Christ our king and saviour, May we be filled with the hope and promise of his coming, And give our lives to follow him. May we be gripped by his kingdom ways, And walk with assurance and trust into his grace and peace. Amen.

