

## Upcoming events

### End of day dismissal improvements

At the end of the autumn term, we informed you that there was a review of the end of day dismissal being undertaken by the school.

As we are a busy school on a comparatively small site with limited access and exit routes, we are aware that dismissal is a challenge for everyone, but ultimately it is our absolute prerogative to make sure we reduce any risk to the children to keep them safe.

In light of all of the aforementioned, a number of class teachers have sent a letter to parents outlining how to collect their children from Monday onwards.

We will be keeping any amendments under review but hope that you will support us by lining up as requested etc so that we can endeavour together to keep the children as safe as possible.

In the summer term there will be an opportunity to feedback on how the changes have impacted on you and your family and also if there is anything else further that we may do.

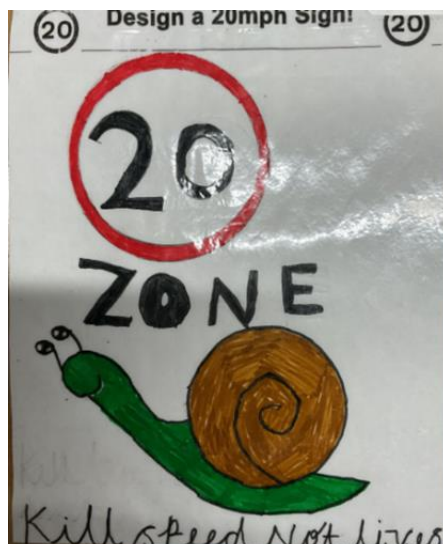
We thank you for your support in this matter.

- WB 13.1.25 – New dismissal arrangements in place at end of day (see letter given out today)
- WB 28.1.25 – Year 6 swimming
- WB 3.2.25 – Year 6 swimming
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Police workshops for children
- WB 10.2.25 – Keeping safe week

### Junior Travel Ambassadors' Road Sign Competition Winners

Congratulations to Danika and Fletcher who won the Road Sign competition, which was introduced by our Junior Travel Ambassadors on behalf of the School Travel and Road Safety Education.

The aim of the competition was to design a poster that would warn traffic to slow down as they approached our school. The winning entries will be made into real posters that can be displayed close to Botwell, which is really exciting. The winning designs are shown below.



## **Cold Weather**



The temperature has dropped considerably this last week, and is likely to stay this way for the foreseeable future.

Please can you remember to send your child into school with a warm winter coat, scarf, hat and gloves.

Some of our children have been feeling the cold at lunch time when they are on the playground so do wrap them up well.

## **Christmas cards**

Just before Christmas, our Year 5 and 6 children made some Christmas cards for the residents of Hayes Cottage Care Home. Mrs Vasile delivered them during the Christmas holidays.

The residents were so happy when they received the cards and would like to give their thanks to all the children who made them.



## **Police Ward Meeting (Neighbourhood Watch)**

We would like to invite any parents who are interested, to come along to the local Ward Panel Meeting, which will be held on the 22nd of January 2025 at 6.30pm hours, here at Botwell. This is a great opportunity to engage with the local police officers, council, business owners and other residents.

## **Beware of phone snatchers**

Like a lot of other places, Hayes Town has been experiencing some incidents of phones being snatched by individuals on electric bikes or scooters.

The Hayes Town Safer Neighbourhood Team has provided some helpful crime prevention advice which you can see by accessing the link below.

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/personal-safety-how-to-stay-safe/mobile-phone-advice/>

## **Prayer and Reflection**

This Sunday, 12th January, we celebrate The Baptism of the Lord.

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the Heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in

bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from Heaven, “You are my Beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:21-22

Let us pray:

*Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed Him to be Your Son, anointing Him with the Holy Spirit, grant that we may be faithful to our call as Children of God, listening to you, guided by Your Spirit, to fulfil our unique and definite purpose.*

*Amen.*

