



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 13th September 2024

Upcoming events

Meet the teacher sessions

Just a reminder that our 'Meet the teacher' sessions will be starting next week. Please look at the 'Upcoming events' section on the right, to note the day and time of your child's year group. As mentioned in last week's Bulletin, this is a great opportunity for parents to meet with the class teacher and a lot of important information will be shared. We strongly encourage all parents to attend.

Coffee morning/parent workshops

This week saw the first two of our parent coffee mornings followed by parent workshops for Zones of Regulation and SEND. Thank you to all who attended.

For the next three Tuesdays, we will be running coffee mornings from 8.35am. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to get together and be involved in the whole school community.

Following on from the coffee mornings at 9.00am, will be a series of three Makaton workshops. These workshops will teach basic simple signing to support language for those children who communicate differently.

As these workshops are a series, which follow on from one another, we would ask for a level of commitment from parents, to attend each one. This is a fantastic opportunity to build a Makaton vocabulary with other people and is a great skill to have.

- Mon 16th Sept – Y3 meet the teacher: 5.00pm – 5.45pm
- Tue 17th Sept – Coffee morning and Makaton workshop for parents
- Tue 17th Sept - Y1/2 meet the teacher: 5.00pm – 5.45pm
- Wed 18th Sept – Y4/5 meet the teacher: 5.00 – 5.45pm
- Thu 19th Sept – Y6 meet the teacher: 3.15pm – 4.00pm
- Fri 20th Sept – Reception meet the teacher: 2.30pm – 3:15pm
- Tue 24th Sept – Coffee morning and Makaton workshop
- Tue 1st Oct – Coffee morning and Makaton workshop
- Mon 7th Oct – Photographer in for Rec – Year 6 children
- Wed 9th Oct – Photographer in for Nursery children and siblings

Prayer and Reflection

This weekend, (on 14th September) we observed the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320, and the dedication, in 335, of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion.

The basilica and shrine were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149.

However, the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

begins with the prayer:

*"We should glory in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation,
our life and our resurrection:
through him we are saved and made free."*

