



# The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning last Friday, at both the parish and the school. We would particularly like to thank all of those families who brought in cakes for the after school cake sale and also our FOB team who organised the sale.

A big shout out to Lili in Year 5 and her mum who spent hours making some awesome cakes!

In total, £940 was raised, so well done everyone!

## **Summer Reading Challenge**



Massive congratulations to Neriah in Year 4 who won the Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge.

Her prize, which was an art set, was presented to her by the Mayor of Hillingdon at his parlour at the Civic Centre, and Neriah, along with her parents, were treated to drinks and cake!

It is so great to see our children taking an interest in reading. Well done Neriah! Everyone at Botwell is very proud of you.

## Upcoming events

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Photographer in for Rec – Year 6 children
- Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Brilliant Parents Workshop @9.15am
- Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Photographer in for Nursery children
- Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Brilliant Parents Workshop @9.15am
- Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Zoolab workshop for Y2
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Librarian visiting Nursery
- Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Brilliant Parents Workshop @9.15am
- Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Parents' Evening (Rec-Y5) over TEAMS
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – School ends for half term
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children return to school
- Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening (Y6) over TEAMS

## **Photographs and videoing**

Over the last couple of days, we have had a couple of grandparents of our children who have been speaking with the children through the fence on our infant playground and videoing them. Please can parents speak to family members about this as it is not appropriate and is a safeguarding concern. Thank you.

## **Scooters**

It is great to see so many of our children using scooters to ride into school. Parents who want to keep the scooters at school during day can secure them in the area just before the KS1 playground. Bicycles can also be stored here.

To parents who are taking the scooters back home, we would ask you not to ride through the playground. There are a lot of adults and children in a relatively confined area and we do not want any collisions or accidents to happen. Thank you for cooperation with this.

## **School Photographs**

The school photographer is coming in on Monday to take individual photos of the children from Reception to Year 6. (They will be photographing our Nursery children on Thursday).

If your child has PE on this day, please can they wear their winter school uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag.

## **Prayer and Reflection**

This week we celebrate the Feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (4th October). Saint Francis of Assisi was a Catholic friar who gave up a life of wealth to live a life of poverty. His message was to live the teachings of the Gospel through example and he gave all his worldly possessions to the poor. He showed a love and respect for God's creation and called all of nature his brothers and sisters. His advocacy that God had provided enough for all to share was brought to mind at our Harvest Festival Mass on Friday morning, giving us the opportunity to express our gratitude for the land and people who produce the offerings we made, and to thank God from whom they all spring.

CAFOD Prayer for a harvest shared by all

*St Francis of Assisi,  
your whole life sang in harmony  
with God, nature and others.  
With you, we praise God for Brother Sun,  
full of beauty and splendour,  
warming the earth,  
summoning shoots  
from darkness into daylight.  
We praise God for Sister Water,  
so useful and humble,  
precious and pure,  
greening arid ground,  
growing life in desert places.  
Pray for us Francis, that, like you,  
we may care for all that exists,  
until Brother Sun and Sister Water  
produce a harvest shared by all,  
in love and solidarity,  
justice and peace. Amen.*

