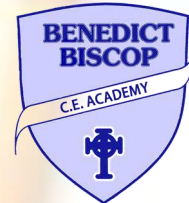


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— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear pupils, parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you have had a fantastic six weeks' summer holiday and have enjoyed the family time together.

I would particularly like to welcome our new families joining us in EYFS and Year 3 as well as new staff that have joined us this week - Miss Bradford our new Year 1 teacher, Miss Reay who joins Mrs. Bailey in Year 3, Miss Lockerbie, who trained with us in Year 5 last year, who joins Mr. Holt in Year 4 and Mr. Cosgrove, who joins us in Year 5. We also welcome two new teaching assistants Miss Hair in the EYFS and Miss Smith in KS2.

I hope you will all join me in making everyone feel as welcome as possible and part of our Benedict Biscop family.

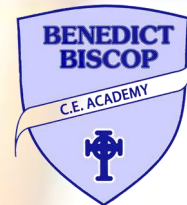
This term we are looking forward to welcoming some BB babies as Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Bailey and Miss Johnston all start their maternity leaves.

Mrs. Clark is looking forward to her role as Deputy Headteacher and Miss Worth will be supporting Mrs. Clark and our new staff across the school.

We are also pleased that Mr. Holt is returning to his role as PE teacher in the afternoons, teaching PE across the school, which we know will ensure that PE is exceptionally high quality. This summer has also been very exciting for Mr. Holt, as he enjoyed his wedding in Italy and was blessed with not only amazing weather but fantastic views.

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This year plans to be an exciting year, full of developments as we continue with the OPAL outdoor provision – staff have been busy, literally team ‘building’ within the grounds this week to provide more exciting opportunities for our pupils. Last term, our School Council discussed their plans for the development of the outdoor area and we are hoping to start fundraising to enable us to provide a new play area on the KS2 yard, replacing the jungle gym and hoping incorporating a sandpit.....I’m sorry everyone, but we definitely wouldn’t get planning permission for the swimming pool they proposed!

As always, we look forward to seeing parents and family members at our weekly community worship, every Friday at 9am followed by tea and coffee in our learning centre, hosted by our Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA).

The school are always keen to further develop our communication systems with parents, so please log onto the school website and our Facebook page to find out more about your child’s learning experiences within school, throughout the year.

<http://www.benedictbiscopacademy.co.uk>

Kind regards,
Mrs. Armstrong
Headteacher

Nursery Admissions September 2020

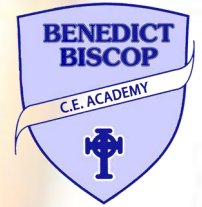
We will shortly begin our process for Nursery 2020 admissions.

This is for children born between
01.09.2016 - 31.08.2017.



If you have any children born between these dates or know of any family or friends who may wish to apply, please ask them to contact the school office to get an initial interest form as soon as possible.

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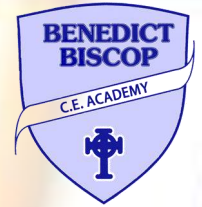


Dates for your Diary



- **Monday 9th September**—Deadline for returning Schoolz Out permission slips.
- **Monday 9th September 2019** —Year 6 class trip to Beamish.
- **Wednesday 11th September**—Year 6 parent and pupil welcome evening, from 4pm. Opportunity to find out about Year 6 curriculum, events and expectations.
- **Friday 13th September 2019**—**PTFA welcome coffee morning for Reception and Nursery parents.** Families are invited to join the PTFA in the learning centre for a coffee.
- **Week commencing 16th September**—Schoolz Out clubs to begin this week.
- **Monday 16th September** — Phototronics in school to take individual pupil photos.
- **Wednesday 11th September**—**Year 4 Swimming sessions begin.** All pupils within year 4 have the opportunity to develop their swimming skills at Farringdon Academy.
- **Week commencing 14th October**—**Bikeability course for Y5 pupils.** Pupils in Y5, who can ride their bikes, will have the opportunity to learn skills to better equip them to ride their bikes safely. Pupils will need to bring their bikes to school each day to participate in the qualification. A letter with more specific will be sent home soon.
- **Week commencing 21st October**— **EYFS Open Week.** Parents within the EYFS will be invited to appointments throughout the week, within school time, to enable them to experience their child's learning environment, talk more with staff about their child's learning and see their child learning within the provision.
- **Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd October (3:40pm start) - KS1 and KS2 Opening Evenings.** Parents within KS1 and KS2 will be able to book a short appointment with their child's class teacher online via our Teachers2Parents system. The appointment system will be opened the week prior to parents evening for books to be made. The appointment is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's class teacher, discuss how their child has settled within their new year group and discuss any specific targets for the year.
- **Friday 25th October** - School closes for half term

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Uniform Reminder

We believe that uniform plays an important role in the Academy ethos. Children need to be suitably dressed for the working day. A smart appearance helps to maintain high esteem and a sense of pride in the school community and we expect all children to look their best.

Our Academy uniform is blue and grey and is strongly recommended.

We recognise that children need comfortable hard-wearing clothes for school, which are easy to wash. Our parents have opted for the following as being practical:

- Dark grey skirt/tunic (no more than 5cm above or below the knee), with dark grey tights or three quarter socks (grey or white) Dark grey or black tailored trousers (not fashion trousers)
- Academy sweatshirt or sweat cardigan (with embroidered school badge)
- White school polo shirt (with embroidered school badge)
- In summer, a blue gingham dress may be worn with white socks
- School fleeces and warm coats with reflector strips are available

For health and safety reasons, we ask that children wear plain, dark, (preferably black) sensible, flat heeled shoes for school - sandals, trainers and boots are not suitable for wearing throughout the school day. In wet weather, children need indoor gym shoes and outdoor shoes.

Shaved hair including patterns, colours and extreme styles are not acceptable in school. Natural hair colour only is acceptable. Hair should normally be tied back. In certain lessons (i.e. P.E., cookery, art etc) all children with shoulder length hair must tie it back for health and safety reasons.

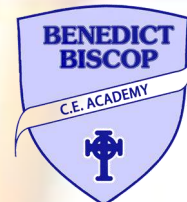
The Academy does not allow children to wear jewellery under any circumstances as it considers that this poses a risk of injury, or has the potential to place a pupil at increased risk of bullying and harassment.

Children are allowed to wear a sensible watch which encourages them to learn to read the time. **Smart watches are not permitted in school!**

The wearing of make-up, including nail varnish is forbidden.



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Class Worship Dates:



YEAR 6 :	Friday 20th September 2019
YEAR 2:	Friday 27th September 2019
YEAR 1:	Friday 4th October 2019
YEAR 3:	Friday 25th October 2019
YEAR 4:	Friday 22nd November 2019
YEAR 5:	Friday 29th November 2019

Please be aware that the doors to worship close promptly at 9am. We apologise for any inconvenience caused but this is to allow minimal distraction for the children, thank you for your understanding.

Community Bank

**School bank re –opens on Tuesday 17th
September 2019**



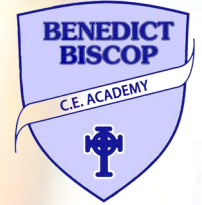
We are encouraging parents to come and open an account with the Prince Bishops Community Bank for your child to start saving. It is beneficial to teach children from a young age the importance of saving money. Whether it would be for an upcoming holiday or long term saving. If you were to open an account for your child and simply come and deposit **£5 a week** over an academic year your child could have almost £200 saved! If this account was opened in Reception and £5 was deposited each week; when your child reaches Year 6 they would have almost **£1,400!**

Parking

Please can parents be considerate that they are not blocking residents' driveways or garages when parking outside of the school gates.



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School calendar 2019-2020

Benedict Biscop CE Academy 2019-20



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	School Closed/Holidays
	Bank Holidays
	Inset Days - pupils not in school

The Inset days may be subject to change.