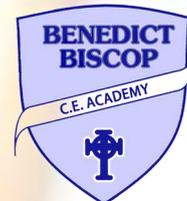


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## FEBRUARY 2019

### Dates for your diary this term



**Monday 11th February** - Celebrating Chinese New Year in school and our 10 year partnership with Harbin, China.

**Week commencing Monday 11th February** - Spirited Arts week in school. Pupils will create art work linked to this years Spirited Arts competition theme.

**Week commencing 25th February** - Y5 Derwent Hill visit

**Monday 25th—Friday 1st March** - Scholastic Book Fayre

**Tuesday 26th February** - Book Fayre Open Evening 3.13pm - 4.30pm

**Thursday 28th February** - Spring Disco (\*please note change of date)

Reception - Year 2: 4.30 - 5.45pm

Year 3 - Year 6: 6.00 - 7.30pm

**Week commencing 25th March** - EYFS open week—appointments to be given nearer time

**Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March** - Y1 to Y6 parents evenings.

Appointments will be available online from Friday 1st March 2019.

**Week commencing 1st April** – Easter celebrations and farewell events to mark Mrs Thompson's retirement.

## IMPORTANT!



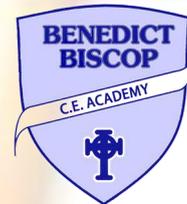
Please note that there has been a change to one of our INSET days this academic year due to staff training.



**Monday 3rd June has been changed to Monday 17th June.**

Please see the amended calendar on the last page of this newsletter.

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## Nursery 2020 Admissions



We are now taking initial interest forms 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.

## Worship Dates:

YEAR 1— 01.02.19

YEAR 2— 08.02.19

YEAR 4—01.03.19

YEAR 6—15.02.19



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.

## *Reporting an absence.*



Please ensure you phone the school or leave a message on our absence line when your child is absent. Thank you.

## The Prince Bishop Community Bank is now taking place every Tuesday!

The bank opens at 8:30am via the hall doors until 8:55am. If you would like to register your child and open an account, this can be done at any session, with any amount. We would particularly welcome EYFS and new starters to open an account.



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## School Money FAQ



Thank you to all parents for your patience while we have set up the new school money system.

**Logging on** – Please ensure you are logging on through the ‘*school money parent logon*’ section. If it asks for a ‘*username*’ you know you are in the wrong place.

**Change of password** – You are unable to change the password provided by the system.

**Multiple Logins** – Unfortunately, there is no option for multiple logons for one child. The company are in the process of developing this aspect of the system and it should be available in the near future.

**App** – A lot of parents have asked about an app. There is one in development at the moment which should be available within the coming months. We will keep you update on this. In the meantime, you are able to book mark the web page and save it to your home page for quick access.

**Bank details** – We have been informed by School Money that you must enter bank details manually for each payment. This is a security measure to ensure your account is safe.

**Please contact the school office if you have any queries or need help using the system.**

## Breakfast and After School Clubs

Our breakfast club opens at 7.45am and is £4.00 per session and our after school club runs from 3.30pm until 6.00pm every day and is £8.50 per session. Children will receive a healthy breakfast or snack and can take part in a number of activities.



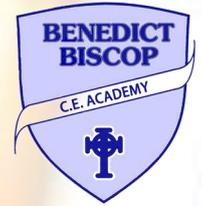
These clubs are available to all pupils and they must be booked and paid for in advance. You can do this through the new School Money system.

**Bookings are only open until midnight for the following day’s sessions.**



Can we remind parents to give the office 24 hours notice to cancel any bookings as you will still be charged for any sessions booked and not attended.

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## Year 5 Trip to Durham

Year 5 recently visited Palace Green Library (part of Durham University) to take part in a Tudor workshop. During the morning we found out some very interesting facts about Tudor times including the different people that ruled, wars and the impact it had on the country. We also had the opportunity to hold both real and replica artefacts some of which included; jugs, plates, sundials and clogs. We drew them in detail and described what they were and what they may have been used for. Before lunch we created our own inventory using a quill and ink. We had to write down everything that we owed on a piece of parchment.



After lunch we began our 'Tudor Trail' around Durham City. We explored the area around the university such as the castle and cathedral. We moved around the city exploring the original Tudor features along the way. Many of the buildings still have the original timber frames on the side of them and have only had the fronts changed! We even got to see the opening cellar door to one of the prisons which would have been used all those years ago.

We had a fantastic day and the children were extremely well behaved!



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## Welcome to our New Pupils

We have had some new children start with us this term and we would like to welcome all the new families to our school.

## Parent Governor Election

We are excited to announce that we have a vacancy within our Local Governing Body for a Parent Representative.

Local Governing Body members play a vital role in securing the success of the academy and act as a key link between the school and the Board of Directors of the Trust. They play a vital part in transforming the lives of the wonderful young people in our academy. The role of a Local

Governing Body governor is voluntary. Governors give their time for the benefit of our children. It is a rewarding role, keeping children at the forefront of every decision. Meetings of the Local Governing body take place at least once a term and sometimes once every half term. Meetings are usually held in the evenings or at other times as agreed

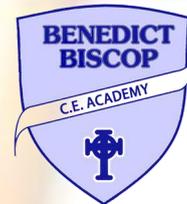
locally by all members. Governors are expected to come to meetings prepared; having read and familiarised themselves with the agenda and accompanying papers, accessed only via a secure website, as well as being prepared to ask relevant questions. Governors are expected to uphold utmost confidentiality at all times.

A letter was sent to all parents/ carers last week with more information and how to nominate. If you require another copy, please contact the school office.

Nomination forms can also be collected from the school office.

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## YR 4 & 5 Shakespeare

We are continuing our links with the RSC this year and will be performing their rendition of Romeo and Juliet. Year 4 and 5 have just started engaging with the programme and have been exploring the script and performing different acts in small groups. In the coming weeks some children will have the opportunity to take part in a Shakespeare festival. The children in Year 5 are supporting those in Year 4 as they have been a part of this in previous years.



**REMINDER:** Can we please ask parents to regularly check pupils school bags for important letters. Also, to remind pupils to hand in letters from their school bags. Thank you.

## Parking

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



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## Online Safety

*Article 17: you have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.*

As part of the schools dedication to the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child and ongoing commitment to ensuring that children are becoming digital leaders of the future we have developed series of information and guides to help support parents further and provided them with the most up to date information for social media, apps and platforms that our children are using. We hope that you found the first instalment of our online safety feature useful and would like to share with you the next focus.

### Instagram

Instagram is a photo sharing app that allows users to share images and videos with the world. The app has a live streaming feature and additional add-ons, such as 'Boomerang', 'Hyperlapse' and 'Layout', which can be used to enhance their feed. Users can choose to add filters and make adjustments to their photos, such as brightness / contrast. To make their content more 'searchable', users can include hashtags in their uploads to make them easier to find.

To access a quick guide on "what parents need to know about Instagram" please use the below link.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/instagram-parents-guide/>

### Minecraft

Minecraft is one of the biggest computer games in the world, with more than 144 million copies sold. It is a sandbox game where players can build houses and other creations, explore vast environments and play with other people online. Multiplayer in Minecraft – available through player-hosted and business-hosted servers – enables multiple players to interact and communicate with each other on a single world. It's with this online element where some dangers can come from.

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## Rights Respecting

Benedict Biscop Academy is a Rights Respecting School. As part of the schools dedication to the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child and our ongoing commitment to ensuring that children become global citizens, over the next few months we will be sharing information about the convention as well as our Rights Respecting journey and the things we do in school to promote these rights.



## Background Information

On the 20th November 1989 the United Nations sanctioned the UNCRC. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is an international statement of ALL of the rights that children have. UNICEF protects and promotes those rights and the Rights Respecting Schools Award seeks to put the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of a school's ethos and culture to make sure that every child is healthy, educated, treated fairly and listened to. They also make sure that all children are protected from violence, abuse and exploitation.

We have attached a child friendly, compact version of the convention and hope that you are able to take time to read and discuss this with your children. You will also notice that key parts of the newsletter will highlight key rights and give you a further insight of the work we do in school to promote these rights.



Our PTFA would like to thank everyone for their kind donations and continued support.

If anyone has any unwanted gifts, please donate these to the school office for our next raffle in March.

If any parents / carers have any suggestions for the PTFA please come along to the next PTFA meeting on Friday 1st March 2019 after worship in the Learning Centre or contact the school office.

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

Please note the change of INSET day in June.

It has moved from Monday 3rd June to Monday 17th June.

The Inset days may be subject to change.