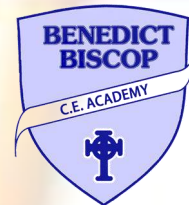


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Dates for your diary

Monday 17th June - INSET Day—school closed. Return Tuesday 18th June

Monday 24th June - Class photos

Wednesday 26th June - PTFA Summer Disco (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 4.30pm-5.45pm) (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 6 pm-7.30 pm)

Tuesday 2nd July - KS1 (9.15am start) and KS2 (1.15pm start) Sports Day - **Reminder no photographs and parents will be asked to leave if seen using mobile phones.**

Wednesday 3rd July - EYFS Sports Day (9.30am Nursery Parents, 2.00pm Reception Parents)

Friday 5th July - BB Fest (1.15pm) - everyone welcome. Please feel free to bring a picnic to enjoy. Reminder—no alcohol allowed on the premises.

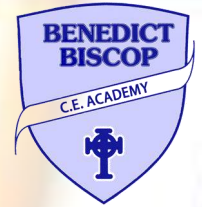
Wednesday 10th July - Open evening families welcome into school from 3.45pm - no appointments necessary. This is a drop in session and an opportunity to look at your children's work and look around the school.

Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers Presentation for Year 6 parents. 1.30pm doors open. Presentation will commence at 1.45pm, more information will follow

Friday 19th July - End of Term



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CEO's Welcome

Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as CEO of our Trust - Northern Lights Learning Trust. I am honoured to have taken on the role of CEO and to work with our 3 schools currently in the Trust. As a Trust we place our children at the heart of everything we do and are committed to ensuring that our children receive the best education they can. Together we are stronger and have more of an opportunity to make a difference.

Our aim is to ensure that all of our pupils in our Trust are provided with a wonderful education full of opportunities across the curriculum. Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy is a fantastic school that has committed and dedicated staff who work very hard to achieve outstanding outcomes, as do all three schools in our Trust. All three schools have begun working together and this enables our schools to become even better. We will continually strive to learn and develop as we know that this is what our children in our Trust deserve.

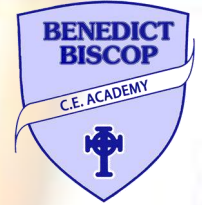
As CEO I am keen to engage with parents and carers to keep you updated with what is happening in our Trust, as well as receive feedback from yourselves. Over the coming year, I will communicate with yourselves and appreciate your engagement with the Trust.

I look forward to our Trust developing in the future. Our parents, carers and the community play an important role in this.

**Kindest regards,
Mrs. J. Heaton**



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SATS

Our amazing Year 6 pupils have been working extremely hard in the build up to this years SATS. We are so proud of all their hard work and dedication and look forward to the results in July. There is no doubt that each and every child will get the outstanding results they deserve. Can we also thank the Year 6 parents for all their support through this time.

Well done Year 6!



Shared Worship

Please see below when class worship will be held. We would love for you to join us.

Friday 7th June	Year 3
Friday 14th June	Year 2
Friday 28th June	Year 5
Friday 12th July	Year 4



Parking

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

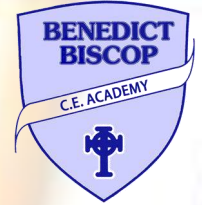


REMINDER:

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.



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Out and About!

Year 2 Trip

Year 2 went to The North East Land, Sea and Air Museum and had a fantastic time. The children explored the museum and got to see the different types of amazing transport. They saw a range of planes, trams, buses, cars and



helicopters from the past

and present. We also looked at the life of Amelia Earhart; everyone was incredibly intrigued to know more about her and asked lots of great questions. Everyone's behaviour was impeccable and the staff at the museum couldn't fault the enthusiasm they showed.



Year 1 Souter Lighthouse Trip

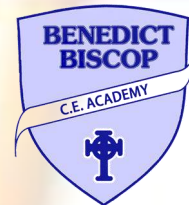


Year 1 went to Souter Lighthouse this month to continue their theme of 'The Seaside.' The children were able to explore what a Lighthouse Keeper's cottage would have looked like and learn about what makes a lighthouse work. The best part of the day was when they

climbed all the way to the top of the lighthouse. The steps were quite steep and tiring, but they made it! After lunch they then made and decorated their very own lighthouses - which even light up! All children behaved exceptionally and were brilliant advocates for Benedict Biscop.



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Sports News

Football team- League Champions

The Year 5/6 Football team continues to go from strength to strength in what has been a fantastic season. Their latest victory (over Hylton Castle, 3-2) has seen them win the Sunderland Division D 9-a-side League. A remarkable achievement considering this is the first time the school has entered the 9-a-side league. This win puts the team in the top 4 Primary Schools in the city and now sees them play Redby in the Sunderland Primary School's Football Association semi-final. With a place in the final at stake, it's all to play for!



CONGRATULATIONS

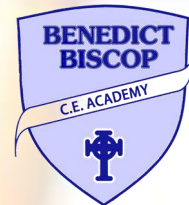
Benedict Biscop would like to congratulate Joseph!

Joe competed in the Under Thirteen (school year 6 and 7) 800m in the North East Championships at Middlesbrough and won - making him North East Under Thirteen 800m Champion! He won the race in an amazing time of 2.26 which now ranks him in the top Four in 800m athletes in the country for his own age group.

This is a fantastic achievement and we would love to wish Joe a huge well done from all the pupils and staff here at Benedict Biscop. We know Joe will continue to achieve great things in his sporting endeavours!



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School Updates

Baby fever!

A huge congratulations to Mrs Ferguson and Miss Gamblin on the birth of their daughters.

Miss Gamblin has given birth to a lovely baby girl called Rayne and Mrs Ferguson has called her new addition, Esther. We can't wait to hear more on how they're getting on.

We wish them both all the best from Benedict Biscop Academy.



The PTFA would like to thank everyone who came to the quiz night which raised £202!

We are also happy to announce their target to send the school on the yearly pantomime trip has almost been reached! They will also be raising money to enhance the outdoor areas - we will keep you updated with more info on the monthly newsletters.

Benedict Biscop and the PTFA would like to thank all parents for their support for past (and future) events held as this couldn't be achieved without your help.

Welcome to Facebook

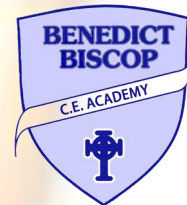
We are pleased to announce that the school's official Facebook page will be live shortly.

If you have not already done so, please ensure we have completed permission slips (even if you have not given permission for photos to be shared) and return to school as soon as possible. Code of Conduct slips also need to be signed - even if you don't have Facebook at present. This applies to all social media and gives us the reassurance that parents and children are aware of the rules and helps protect everyone involved. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Mrs Clark
Deputy Headteacher



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OPAL - Welly collection!

As many of you are now aware, we will be undertaking our new OPAL journey as a school, starting next half term.

As part of this, wellies will become an essential piece of kit to use the field area when it is wet and children are still wanting to access the new activities. The aim is for every class in school to have access to a set of wellies to share and not have individual wellies with names in. If anyone has any old or unwanted wellies (still in good condition) that they are able to donate, then this would be greatly appreciated.



Wellies can be donated at the main office, KS1+KS2 door from Monday 10th June.

School Bank!

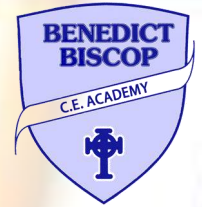
Can we remind parents that the school bank takes place on a Tuesday from 8.30am.

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!**

Come along and start saving and remember, house points for all savers!



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Speak out. Stay safe.

The NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme this term. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

What is the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

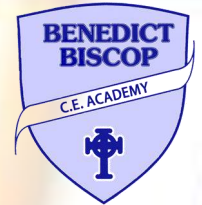
We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/



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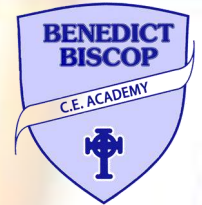
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School re-opens after Summer on Thursday 5th September. Children are required to be in school in that week therefore no absences will be authorised.

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