

JULY 2019

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st July - 5pm Reception Class continuity into Y1 evening





Thursday 4th 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. Where pupils have permission we will upload photo's to our website/Facebook page

Friday 5th July - BB Fest 1.15pm - everyone welcome. (see inside for more details)

Wednesday 10th July - Open evening families welcome into school from 3.45pm until 5:45pm - 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

Thursday 18th July - Year 6 Celebration afternoon (to be confirmed)

Please Note

We apologise but due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no Community Worship on Friday 5th July.

Our last Worship for the year will be on **Friday 12th July** led by Year 4



P E Kits

We appreciate that the end of term is drawing near but a reminder to parents that all children should have an indoor and outdoor PE Kit in school all week, with the weather improving there are more opportunities for outdoor PE.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We are doing another big drive to request donations to support the Bede Tower Food Bank in Sunderland, as they are at that time of year when supplies are extremely low. Donation boxes are located in the main school office reception and also in EYFS entrance, KS1 & KS2 entrances. Donations



will be taken to the food bank by some of our children during the last week of term. We really appreciate any donation you can contribute and thank you for your ongoing support. We would like to thank everyone who donated after Worship on Friday 28th June where we managed to raise a fantastic £80.66. The children will use this money to buy items needed by the foodbank.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND DONATIONS



The team at Benedict Biscop CE Academy would like to thank everyone for their kind donations, special thanks go to Mrs Carrick, Mrs Atkinson, Mr Trevadi and Mr Ward for their donations.

A huge thank you also, to the families who have donated items to help launch our OPAL curriculum.

The tyres, pallets and wellies have been put to use straight away!

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

<u>letters.</u> Also, to remind pupils to hand in letters from their school bags.

Thank you.





Year 4/5/6 Swimming Gala

Pupils across years 4, 5 and 6 have been working extremely hard over the past month training for the 2019 Farringdon Swimming Gala. This yearly event attracts many top schools from across the area and is always of



an extremely high standard. The team put in a fantastic performance across a range of speed, style and team races. Once again, the event went right down to the wire and came down to the very last race (8 person relay) to decide the overall winner between Benedict Biscop and East Herrington. With both teams being tied on 85 points, it was always going to be a competitive final. The team swam out of their skin and managed to knock a whole 8 seconds off their personal best time, completing the event in 2 minutes and 10 seconds. However, East Herrington managed to just pip us to the title by 3 seconds! All pupils swam to an outstanding standard and should be very proud of themselves. Maybe next year will finally be our year!

Year 5/6 football team

The 2018/2019 season has been one of, if not our best, footballing season to date! The team have put on fantastic performances week in - week out to achieve some remarkable results. Firstly, winning the SPSFA 9-a-side division D championship, having not lost a game in this league all season.

Following this success, they then went on to win the 7-a-side division C championship, winning 9 out of our 10 games. All members of the team have shown tremendous dedication and resilience all year and have been a credit to our school. Well done boys, certainly a season to be proud of!

Trials for next year's year 5/6 football team will take place in September.



Welcome to Facebook

The Official Benedict Biscop CE Academy Facebook page has gone 'live' this week, please like our page



to keep up to date with events and news from all our year groups. We hope that by using social media we will further improve communication between school and the community. Please be assured that current methods of communication between school & parents will be maintained so that those not using Facebook are still kept up to date.

Only core staff will be posting via social media and have been trained regarding what is appropriate. We would like to remind all parents that social networking sites are not an appropriate place to discuss any concerns you may have and we request that parents continue to raise any questions by arranging an appointment with the class teacher.

We hope that you enjoy this opportunity for us to share photo's, video's and upcoming events with you.

Mrs Clark
Deputy Headteacher

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to all of our Y5 pupils who applied to

be House Captains for 2019/20 school year and huge congratulations to our new House Captians, Ava Welsh who will captain Aidan, Max Wardle who will captain Cuthbert, Gacie Lay who will captain Bede and Rosie Goss who will captain Caedmon. We wish them every success for the coming year.

Class Photographs

You should by now have received you childs class photograph proof, please ensure that these are returned to the school office by Thursday 11th July, we cannot guarantee any orders received after this date.



School Updates

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Y2 parents please be aware that the school office needs to be notified of lunchtime preferences once your child moves up into Y3, a letter has been sent home with your child. If you require another letter please contact the school office.





The PTFA would like to thank everyone who came to school disco which raised over £400!

We hope that everyone had a great time and look forward to more disco's next school year.

We look forward to seeing everyone at BB Fest where we will be holding a tombola and lots of fun games for children and parents to enjoy together.

(Refreshments and tuck will also be on sale)

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.

SPORTS DAY

We are all looking forward to sports day this year and are praying for fine weather. (However, If the weather is unfavourable we will notify parents via text as soon as possible). Can children please bring a coloured T-Shirt to school to represent their house colours along with their PE kit Good luck to all pupils taking part

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Reminder no photographs are allowed any parents taking pictures will be asked to leave if seen using mobile phones.



Updated Details Form

We would like to remind all parents to return their updated details forms to school as soon as possible so that our office staff can ensure all is updated for the next school year. Thank you in advance.



Class Teachers 2019/20

Please see below, the class teacher's for the next school year.

EYFS - Mrs Whelam-Tate & Miss Jones

Y1 - Miss Bradford

Y2 - Mr Cain

Y3 - Miss Reay & Mrs Bailey

Y4 - Miss Lockerbie & Mr Holt

Y5 - Mr Cosgrove

Y6 - Mr Allison



School Bank!

School bank deposits will be Tuesday 2nd July (bank will be open from 8:30am until 8:55am) School bank will be open again in next school year from Tuesday 17th September.

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!





NSPCC ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

A huge thank you to all of the parents that attended the O2 /NSPCC online safety workshop. The workshop was extremely informative and gave an insight on how to keep children safe online. For those who couldn't make the workshop the link below is full of useful information around online safety.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/

Net Aware is a tool that helps parents understand that helps parent to understand the apps and online tolls that children are using. Alongside the information we have provided via nationalonlinesafety.com we hope parents are fully informed about the online world their child accesses.

Another series which was mentioned was the ice breaker series from O2. It's free to sign up to and is designed to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online. Supporting parents and carers to have conversations with their children about their online lives.

https://nspcc.o2.co.uk

Please feel free to contact me at school for any further information.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Clark.



BB FEST

Thursday 5th July at 1:15pm. Please feel free to bring a picnic to enjoy. Reminder—no alcohol allowed on the premises. Parents will need to sign out pupils after all class songs if you would like your child to sit with you. Our PTFA have organised fun games for the children and will be selling ices, tuck & juice at the event. Children will need to remain on site and will not be allowed to leave school premises until 3:15pm. We look forward to seeing you there. (an email has been sent to all parents with more details).



Calendar 2019 - 2020

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

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

The Inset days may be subject to change.