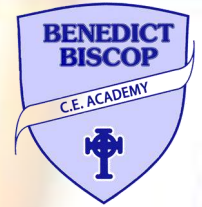


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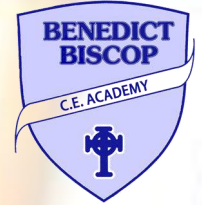


Dates for your Diary



- **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 information was sent home last week.
- **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, and talk more with staff about their child's learning and how they have settled in.
- **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 bookings 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**
- **Monday 4th November - School re-opens**
- **Thursday 7th November - PTFA Disco**
Reception - Year 2: 4.30pm - 5.45pm
Year 2 - Year 6: 6.00pm - 7.30pm
- **Week commencing 2nd December - Book Fayre.** All children have the opportunity to visit the book fayre to see if there are any books they would like to purchase and will bring a slip home with their choices. We will be holding book & breakfast on Tuesday 3rd December where parents/ carers can browse the selection of books with their children before school.

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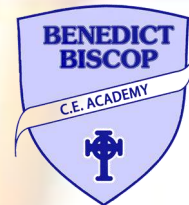


Christmas Dates

- **Thursday 28th November - Year 1-6 Trip to The Customs House to see 'Snow White'**
- **Friday 29th November - Christmas Fayre.** Parents are invited into school from 2.30 to collect their children then browse a selection of stalls including, cakes and treats, games and a tombola along with a raffle.
- **Wednesday 11th December - EYFS Trip to the The Customs House to see 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'**
- **Wednesday 11th December - Carol Singing around Moorside.** We will be meeting at 6pm to carol sing around Moorside. Everyone is then invited for refreshments and mince pies in the school hall afterwards, to get everyone in the festive mood!
- **Thursday 12th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day.** We will be holding a school Christmas meal which all children are invited to take part in (pupils on packed lunch may also have a school meal on this day). Pupils are also invited to wear a festive themed jumper to raise money for the 'Save the Children' charity.
- **Monday 16th December - St Matthew's Church Service.** Everyone is welcome to attend our KS2 performance at St Matthews Church. It will take place at 6pm. More correspondence will be sent closer to time.
- **Tuesday 17th December - KS1 Performance.** KS1 will be showcasing their performance. The doors will open 1.15pm for a prompt 1.30pm start. *Please note; 2 tickets per family.*
- **Wednesday 18th December - EYFS Performance.** EYFS will be showcasing their performance. The doors will open 9am for a prompt 9.30am start. *Please note; 2 tickets per family.*
- **Friday 20th December - School closes for Christmas holidays**
- **Monday 4th January 2020 - INSET DAY**
- **Tuesday 5th January 2020 - Pupils return to school**



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Consultation

Consultation is open regarding the proposal for the expansion of Benedict Biscop Academy.

Any responses can be sent to:

consultation@benedictbiscopacademy.co.uk

We will aim to collectively respond to all queries raised. Please note, individual responses will not be given.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Activities include a range of:

Games Crafts Cookery Books Computers Music Reading

The Care and Learning Facility will provide:

- ♦ Exciting opportunities for children to meet socially with children of all ages
- ♦ High quality care and provision for all children while promoting healthy eating
 - ♦ Opportunities for children to extend their learning
 - ♦ A stimulating environment

For more information , or to book, please contact the school office.



Breakfast Club

7.45am-8.45am

Cost £4.00

Breakfast is served until 8.20am.

After School Club

3.15pm-6.00pm

Cost £8.50

Children are given a snack and need to be collected before 6pm.

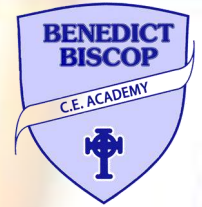


PTFA Donations

Our PTFA are asking for donations towards their Christmas Raffle. If you have unwanted gifts and would like to donate them to us, there will be boxes at each entrance into school and the office. Alternatively ,if you work for a company who can make donations, please contact the school. Thank you!



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Community Bank



We are encouraging parents to come and open an account with the NE First Credit Union for your child to start saving (which have merged and was formerly known as the Prince Bishops Community Bank). We would remind parents this is open for all year groups from Nursery to Year 6 and you can still make deposits when they leave the school.

We would also like to introduce the new house point scheme which we hope will encourage children to save regularly, even if it is just a few pence a week or fortnight. If you visit the school bank 6 times in a term a bonus 25 house points will be awarded at the end of a term. For each week visited over the 6 times an additional 10 house points per week will be added as well!

It is beneficial to teach children from a young age the importance of saving money and saving regularly. 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!**

This could buy.....

Driving lessons

A second hand car

OR – A start on University costs!



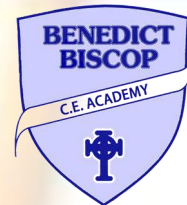
Come along on a Tuesday at 8.30am and start saving and remember, house points for all savers!

Uniform Donations



Thank you to everyone who has donated uniform recently.
We are now fully stocked and at capacity.

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Class Worship Dates:

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.

Schoolz Out Clubs

Please be aware that children **MUST** be collected after Schoolz Out Clubs at 4:30pm. Children are not permitted to walk home alone after a club.



Parking

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

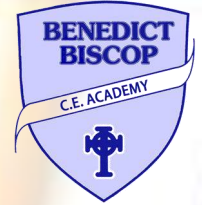


Year 6 Trip to Beamish

As part of our World War Two topic, Year 6 were evacuated to Home Farm in Beamish. The children were collected by the bus service, all dressed up ready for the journey and taken on their way. While at the farm the children learned the duties many evacuees in the local area would have been doing and took part in the black out. We experienced what it was like to be on rationed food, making cookies with carrots to help us see in the dark. Everyone had a fantastic day; making an excellent start to our Year 6 topic.



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Food Bank

We are doing another big drive to request donations to support the Bede Tower Food Bank in Sunderland. Donation boxes are located in the main school office reception and also in EYFS entrance, KS1 & KS2 entrances. We really appreciate any donation you can contribute and thank you for your ongoing support. Please find some ideas for donations below!

A typical food parcel includes:

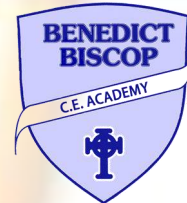
- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice



Non-food items:

- Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes
- Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid
- Feminine products – sanitary towels and tampons
- Baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food.

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Please find below our School Councillors for this year. Our councillors work together to develop the pupils voice across the school, organising events and they are our ambassadors for Rights Respecting.

Year 1

Alice Strong & Faris Thoburn

Year 2

Cooper Dolman & Isla Wheatley

Year 3

Max Ainslee & Layla Campbell

Year 4

Emily Carr & Joshua Robson

Year 5

Harry Waugh & Mia Jackson

EYFS Macmillan

Last week some of our pupils walked to Morrison's with parents and carers to buy ingredients for our 'Stay and Bake' on Thursday evening. The cakes were then sold on Friday to raise money in aid of Macmillan Coffee Morning.

We raised **£95.99** which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you!



Holiday Arrangements

Can we remind all parents that we do not authorise holidays in term time. Should you wish to take your children out of school in term time, please ensure you email or write to the school to notify us.

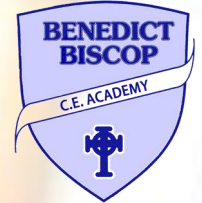


Absences / Illness

If your child is ill or absent for any reason please ensure you ring the school and leave a message on our absent line (or speak to a member of staff in the office). We would also ask that you ring every day your child will be absent.



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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.