

Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy Newsletter



Christmas Dates

- **Week commencing 2nd December - Book Fayre.** All children have the opportunity to visit the book fayre during school time 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 and purchase the selection of books with their children before school at 8.30am, in the main hall.
- **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 and the PTFA Christmas raffle will be drawn, 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.
- **Friday 13th December - Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccine** (for those who returned consent forms).
- **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. A letter with more information has been sent out.
- **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. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate younger siblings.*
- **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. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate younger siblings.*

Tickets are now available to buy for both performances on 'School Money'.
- **Friday 20th December - School closes for Christmas holidays**
- **Monday 6th January 2020 - INSET DAY**
- **Tuesday 7th January 2020 - Pupils return to school**

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Teachers 2 Parents

We have been advised that if you have the teachers 2 parents app downloaded on your mobile device, that any texts which are sent by the school will be delivered in the first instance to the app (if WiFi signal is available) the app will not notify you that a text has been received, only if the text cannot be sent via WiFi to the app will you receive a standard text to your mobile number. Our advice is to delete the teachers 2 parents app to ensure you always receive texts in the usual way and receive notification of a new text message.



Mud Kitchen

Benedict Biscop would like to say a huge thank you to the Learners from Springboard Futures for their fantastic hard work, in helping to create our amazing MUD KITCHEN! IT LOOKS FANTASTIC!

Paul and Ryan from the apprenticeship scheme, came to deliver the kitchen, and were greeted by some very muddy but exceptionally excited pupils. Reverend Tolhurst [Chair of Governors] was also on hand to give a special thanks to the apprenticeship scheme.

We now can't wait for the OPAL club pupils to determine where we will be placing the kitchen and to get it up and running. So if you have any old metal/plastic pots, pans, bowls, spoons etc. that are in good condition, but are cluttering up the house or garage....then please send them in, as we don't have enough at present [camping utensils are excellent].

We are hoping to see more of the apprentices, who created the kitchen, back to school over a lunchtime when our children are accessing the kitchen soon.



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Remembrance Service

A huge thank you to all who attended our Remembrance Worship on the Friday 15th November to join us in remembering those who have given their lives in past and current conflicts. It was an amazing turnout from the whole community to come together pay our respects.



We'd like to give special thanks to Mrs Taylor who played the 'Last Post' during our service. It was a beautiful performance and it moved us all.

We'd also like to thank Mrs Cameron for the beautiful cake! It went down a treat, we always appreciate such kind gestures from parents.



We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Holmes who let our children experience being inside of a police car.

Mrs Holmes came to our Remembrance Service and kindly brought the police car so the children could see/hear the lights and the VERY loud sirens! We loved it, thank you so much!



Thank you to Mr Hutchinson for speaking in our service!

We feel extremely humbled to have such talented and generous members of the community who helped make it a beautiful day.



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N.E. First Bank

Can we remind you that Tuesday 3rd December will be the last bank of this term, the bank will re-open on Tuesday 14th January 2020

Please note: We will no longer keep a running balance of money collected on your child's bank cards. If you wish to get your current balance please contact

the bank on :
0330 0553 666.



Medication Notice

We would like to remind all parents about our Medication Policy. We can only administer prescribed medication that needs to be taken 4 times a day. Any medication on school premises needs to be signed into school by someone who can administer the medication. No medication should be brought into school in your child's bookbag.



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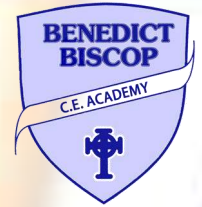


Throughout November the whole school has taken part in Barvember. Everyone in the school, children to staff, have been answering daily maths word problems using a bar model to help to visualise the problem and answer the question. We hope that using these skills will support our children's mathematical reasoning in their school work and homework.

As part of our drive for mathematical problem solving, we have been unpicking word problems on a Friday. Throughout these sessions we have been using a range of resources to model what the problem looks like both using concrete and pictorial approaches. From there the children have manipulated the questions and developed links between numbers and ideas. Y6 have loved challenging themselves and each other with more complex problems every week.



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RNLI Visit!

As we are located in a coastal city, we ensure that pupils have the opportunity to learn how to keep safe near water, as part of our personal development curriculum. The RNLI came into school to speak to the children about how to stay safe at the seaside and what the RNLI do. The children listened and were extremely engaged within the sessions. Some children got the opportunity to dress up and become our very own BB lifeguards! The lifeguards that visited our school explained how the children could stay safe and what they should do if they get into danger. Our visitors said that our children were fantastic and they were amazed with the children's contributions.



Maths Week - TTRockstars

Having secure times table knowledge is a fundamental life skill. At BB we are using TTRockstars to help deliver this knowledge in a fun and interactive way! During the very first National Maths Week we had a buzz around school all focused around TTRockStars. All of the children from Year 2-6 were involved, competing against themselves, other classes and other schools in the country to collect points while developing their speed and accuracy.

Within school our Year 4's raced ahead of the other classes with the most questions answered- a huge well done to them!

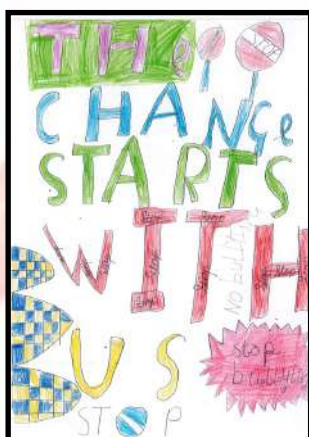
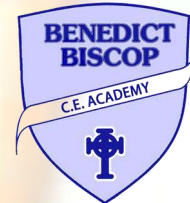
Our top three TT RockStar's for that week in school were:

- Ben Mc (Y4)
- Cameron T (Y3)
- Joseph R (Y6)



We hope everyone keeps up this amazing effort on TTRockStars to support the development of rapid recall of multiplication facts.

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Anti-Bullying Week!

At BB we want our children to learn how to keep themselves safe. From Monday the 11th to Friday 15th of November the children celebrated anti-bullying week. The theme this year was "The Change Starts With Us".

The week started off brilliantly as our House Captains did an amazing job delivering worship to the whole school. The children have spent the week looking at how they were going to 'make a change'. The children explored different types of bullying and how they were going to show positive behaviour towards each other.

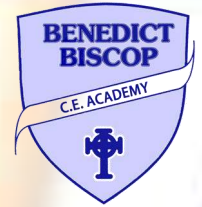
As part of the week, the children have created our new anti-bullying posters for school and there was one winner from every class. The winners were chosen by our house captains and the winners are Ella (Year 1), Ava (Year 2), Isabelle (Year 3), Sophie (Year 4), Grace (Year 5) and Sam (Year 6).

The children have shown staff that they are already making a change within school. We have encouraged the children that this needs to continue outside of school when they are together or when they are on social media.

A focus identified by the Y6 pupils was to look particularly at online bullying.

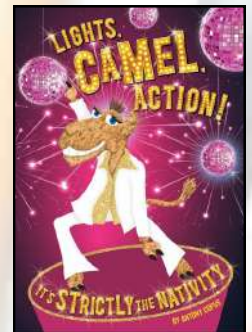


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Key Stage One Performance

The children have been working extremely hard on their Christmas performance this year. The show 'Lights, Camel, Action' is on Tuesday 17th December. Doors open at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start. Tickets are £2.00 each and payment should be made via the school online payment system – School Money. Payments should be made by Monday 9th December. Tickets will then be sent home with children on Tuesday 10th December (a text will be sent as a reminder to check book bags).



Fire regulations allow us to allocate each family up to 2 tickets for the performance and entry will only be permitted with a ticket. Please write your name on the back of your ticket and bring it with you on the day to help with these regulations. As the children have worked so hard, we hope you appreciate our decision that younger children/babies should not attend in case of disturbance.

In line with the Academy's safeguarding procedures, you will be unable to take photos or record the performance. However, a professional videographer has been invited to record the performance and this DVD is now available to order on School Money. We aim to get this to parents as soon as it becomes ready, unfortunately we cannot guarantee it will be ready before Christmas. We are very excited to see our pupils perform and know it will be the perfect start to the Christmas celebrations! We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th December. We request parents/carers pay online via the School Money system - a contribution of £2.00 is welcomed to cover the cost of the party which includes, food, a disco, prizes and a gift. Children can come to school in party clothes or bring them to school to change in-to before the party begins.

Please ensure payment is made by Monday 9th December 2019.

Please note that the KS2 (Year3-6) party finishes at 4:00pm. Children will leave via the usual gate nominated by yourselves. As the party finishes later than the usual finish time and it is dark, all children must be collected by an adult.



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Year 1 Beach School

As part of our geography curriculum, we are practically learning about the coastal environment in Sunderland. Year 1 have loved starting Beach School! Although the weather has been variable, we have enjoyed every moment and don't let a bit of wind and rain stop us. Thank you to all our parent volunteers, and look out for our Spring term dates, which will be coming out soon.



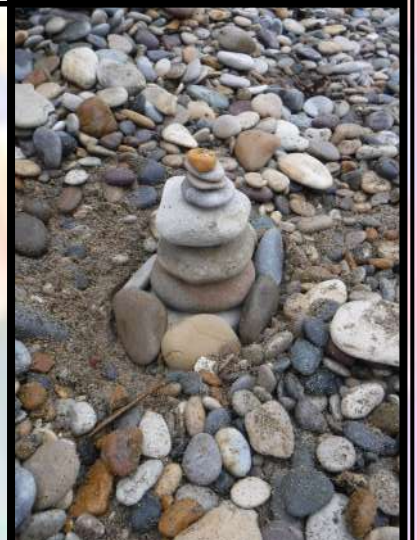
We have applied our scientific knowledge of the properties of materials to have a treasure hunt, where children found translucent sea glass, rough shells and smooth stones. We have been looking at landmarks around the world and in Sunderland and then children had a go at building them on the beach, consolidating our design & technology skills. We have had the stadium of light, the Eiffel Tower, Penshaw Monument and many others.



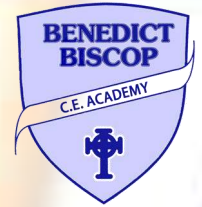
When we come back, we share our learning with the rest of class and we have had lots of creative fun! The whole class planned a new landmark they'd like to build for Sunderland and listed the materials we would need to collect. Some people are building statues of the Lambton Worm, we have sea glass sculptures and some beautiful new bridges.



After building our own sculptures, we investigated the natural sculptures of Andy Goldsworthy, and then had a go at our own natural sculptures outside! Next, we will plan an Andy Goldsworthy natural pattern and then build it with the materials we can find in our surroundings.



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Governors Visit to BB!

We were very excited to welcome our governors into school last week. School governors play a vital role in supporting the school, volunteering their time and ensuring that the decisions we make for our children and school are truly in their best interest. Governors were invited to join in lessons across the school and discuss with the children the learning that they have been doing so far this term. They got a chance to see INSPIRE maths in action, with children demonstrating their mathematical understanding using equipment and bar models to provide explanations. They also got to see Phonics, how we use Lexia to support reading as well as some theme lessons based on everything from the Stone Age to World War 2.

Emails

Please can we remind all parents to check their emails. To save paper we are now emailing select whole school letters as well as our monthly newsletters. If you have changed your email recently or if you have not received any emails from us yet please contact the office.



Autumn PTFA Disco

We held our PTFA disco and everyone had an amazing time! We would like to thank all members of the PTFA who helped make the event a huge success. A total of **£390.00** was raised.

Every year our PTFA raise money to ensure that this time of year all children can attend the annual pantomime. We are grateful for all the support they provide. If you would like to assist in the PTFA please enquire at the main office!

Tree Planting

Year 3 have been learning in science about different types of trees. Mr Allison successfully bid for several new saplings in oak, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Rowan and Silver Birch.

A huge thanks to all of our volunteers who helped Y3 with tree planting. Everyone had a fantastic time despite the cold!



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Christmas Cards

Children are welcome to send Christmas cards to each other, there will be post boxes in school from the 3rd December.



Schoolzout Clubs!



We would like to remind all parents that the Schoolz Out newsletter will be coming out early in January for Spring 2020. Our clubs this term have been a hit! We love seeing pupils take part in extra curricular activities in their own time to develop and nurture their interests. We encourage pupils to return reply slips ASAP to secure a place in at least one chosen club!

Early Years Performance

The children have been working extremely hard on their Christmas performance this year. The show 'Everyone loves a baby', is on Wednesday 18th December. Doors open at 9.00am for a 9.30am start. Tickets are £2.00 each and payment should be made via the school online payment system – School Money. Payments should be made by Monday 9th December. Tickets will then be sent home with children on Tuesday 10th December (a text will be sent as a reminder to check book bags)



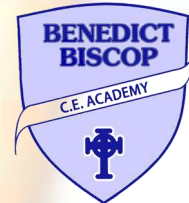
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Reducing the spread of diarrhoea and/or vomiting: Advice for parents

What is it?

- Vomiting is easily recognised, but diarrhoea can be less easy to identify.
- Diarrhoea is the passage of more than one abnormally loose bowel motion in 24 hours. The faeces/motion has no solid shape and will take the shape of any container into which it is put.

What causes it?

- The most common cause is a bug called norovirus, which requires no treatment. The diarrhoea and/or vomiting usually lasts 1 - 2 days.
- Other bugs such as salmonella, cryptosporidium, campylobacter or E.coli O157 can also cause diarrhoea and/or vomiting and can spread from one person to another. These can cause more serious illness.

What should I do?

- Do not send your child to school if they have diarrhoea or vomiting. If your child is unwell with diarrhoea and/or vomiting, pay special attention to hand hygiene in the home.
- If the diarrhoea and/or vomiting is mild, let the illness run its course and give your child plenty of fluids (sips) to prevent dehydration.
- If your child is unusually sleepy, isn't improving after a couple of days, won't take fluids or has other symptoms, such as blood in their diarrhoea, an unusual rash, headache, neck stiffness or difficulty breathing, contact your GP urgently or take your child to hospital.

How are diarrhoea and /or vomiting spread?

- The germs are shed in the vomit and faeces (motions) of those infected and can be spread to other places (taps, other people, food and so on) via hands.
- Germs pass from person to person and through the environment or commonly touched items which have the germs on them.
- Thorough cleaning of the environment/commonly touched items and **not** sharing towels or utensils is very important to stop the spread of infection.

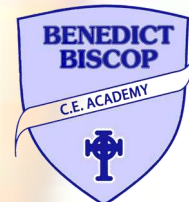
How can it be prevented?

- Good hand washing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of germs. This applies to the child who is ill and anyone looking after them.
- Hands should always be washed using warm water and liquid soap after using the toilet, before eating or handling food and after cleaning up a mess (vomit, faeces or urine) or changing nappies.
- Good hand hygiene is crucial to prevent further spread to others.
- If possible, each household member should have a separate towel for their own personal use.

Exclusion

- If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, keep them off school until they have not had any symptoms for 48 hours.
- If your child has been to see the GP and you know what the cause of the illness is, please let the school know as soon as possible.
- Keep your child away from other children and people who are particularly vulnerable (eg the elderly and those with chronic illnesses) until they have not had symptoms for 48 hours.
- Anyone who has been in contact with someone with vomiting and/or diarrhoea but does not have symptoms themselves, may attend school as normal.

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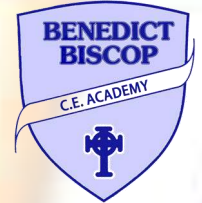
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