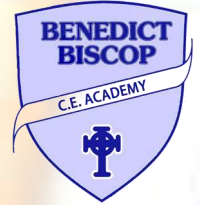


# Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy Newsletter



## March 2020

### Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 3rd March** - Year 1 Trip to Beamish Open Air Museum

**Wednesday 4th March** - Year 5 trip to Durham Cathedral  
(children require a packed lunch)

**Thursday 5th March**—World book Day

**Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March** - YR1-6 Open Evenings

**Monday 16th - Friday 20th March** - Derwent Hill YR5

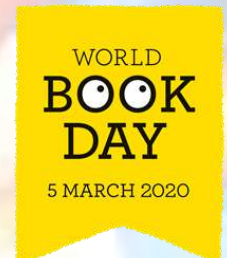
**Friday 3rd April** - Last day of Spring Term

**Monday 20th April** - School Re-opens



### World Book Day

Children are invited to come to school on Thursday 5th February dressed as their favourite book character  
(no football kits please).



If any parents have any old costumes that their child has outgrown which could be re-cycled please contact the school office

Please join us for our Community Worship every Friday

### Shared Worship Dates are:

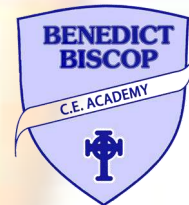
Friday 6th March: **Year 5**

Friday 13th March: **Year 1**



Please note: doors close promptly at 9am , strictly no admittance after this time  
*We ask, where possible, that you stay until the end of the service to minimise disruption.*

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## SCHOOLS GAMES GOLD AWARD



We want our children to develop as active and healthy citizens, who excel at sport. As part of our physical development curriculum, we teach formal P.E. sessions and we offer a range of additional sporting opportunities for children to be active on a daily basis and experience positive competitive environments.



School have recently been awarded the Schools Games Gold award for the second year in recognition of our fantastic curriculum.

## Year 5/6 Football

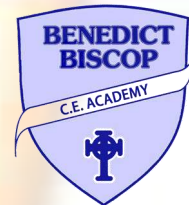
The year 5/6 football team have had a great start to the season and are going from strength to strength. So far, they are undefeated in the 9-a-side league, boasting 2 wins and 1 draw.

The team have had equal success in 5-a-side competition, qualifying for the Sunderland school's finals out of 32 teams.

**Keep up the good work boys!**



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## Year 5/6 Dodgeball



Children from Years 5 and 6 attended the Sunderland School's dodgeball tournament held at the Sunderland Puma Centre. This event was very large and consisted of 18 teams from across Sunderland.

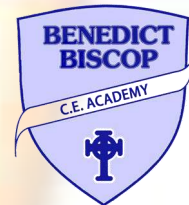
Both of our teams played so well that they each won their side of the group, resulting in an all Benedict Biscop final! The overall winners were the Benedict Biscop Year 6 squad, who brought home the Arty Appleton trophy.

Congratulations to both of our teams!



**WELL  
DONE!**

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## Year 4 Tag Rugby

Pupils from Year 4 attended a friendly interschool tag rugby tournament with St Pauls. This was a great opportunity for the children to develop their tag rugby skills and prepare for any future competitions. At the end of the afternoon, Benedict Biscop team 1 came away as the overall winners of the competition. Well done to everyone involved!



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## BOOK & BREAKFAST

At Benedict Biscop we achieve exceptionally high against National expectations due to our rigorous Reading Curriculum and our promotion of a love of reading.



We would like to thank all parents and carers who attended our book and breakfast sessions last month, it gave parents an opportunity to browse with their children and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying their books.

We would also like to thank everyone who purchased any books from our book fayre, with your help we have managed to raise a fantastic amount towards new books for our children to use in school, enabling us to purchase more books based on the children's interest.



Thank you also to our PTFA members who helped to process all the book orders, your help is very much appreciated.

We would also like to thank our reading volunteers who are helping our children in school with their reading development—it's fantastic to have such positive role models in our community.

Thank  
you!

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## AMBULANCE VISIT

In school this week we enjoyed a special visit from Mr & Mrs Nolan. They brought their ambulance so that the children could have a look around. The children talked about when you would need an ambulance and who you would need to phone.



They had the opportunity to look around in the back of the ambulance and pretended to be poorly. The children looked at the equipment and had their heart rate and pulse taken.

Thank you so much to Mr & Mrs Nolan for this amazing opportunity to learn about important roles within our community, whilst helping us understand how there are people who keep us safe.

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## OPEN EVENINGS

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March

We will forward a text when the online booking system is open, please use the link to book your appointment, bookings are expected to be open from 10th March.

Please inform the office prior to the bookings opening if separate appointments are required for separated parents. We encourage parents to attend appointments together where possible.

Early Years parents appointments will be available throughout the same week and a text message will also be sent when appointments are ready to book



## Teachers to Parents App

We have been advised by our provider that if you have downloaded the Teachers to Parents app to your device you could miss out on texts sent from school.

The text will try to deliver to the app and only when there is no wifi connection will it be received as your usual texting service.

We recommend that you delete this app or check it regularly as you will not receive a notification and could miss out



## WELL DONE!

Congratulations to Taylor Shaw and all our kitchen staff for an excellent food hygiene rating received on Friday.

The kitchen staff work hard to provide our children with delicious meals, cooked on site, lovely winter warmers for this cold weather.

If your child would like to start school dinners please contact the school office

# Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy Newsletter



Public Health  
England

## Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

### How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

### How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

### How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

#### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it  
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it  
by washing  
your hands with  
soap & water or  
hand sanitiser



After breaks  
& sport  
activities



Before  
cooking  
& eating



On arrival at  
any childcare  
or educational  
setting



After using  
the toilet



Before  
leaving  
home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

### What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

**If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately**





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## Uniform Reminder

Please be reminded that our uniform policy should be adhered to at all times. Correct uniform plays an important role in the schools ethos and helps create a sense of community and belonging. A smart appearance maintains high esteem. Please pay particular attention to ensure pupils do not come to school with coloured or shaved hair and wear appropriate footwear (flat, black shoes, not trainers).



Please refer to the schools uniform guidance and policy on the schools website for remedial actions and consequences for when policy is not followed.

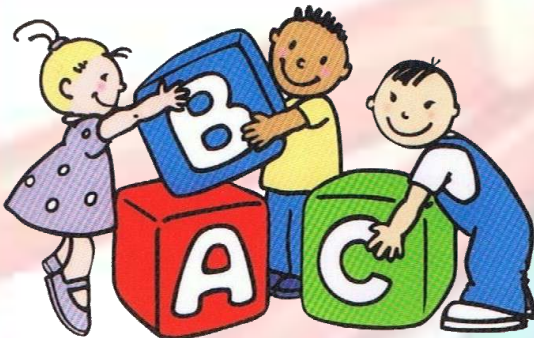
## No Smartwatches

As part of keeping our children and staff safe can we remind parents that any form of smartwatches are not permitted in school except basic pedometers or Fitbits (without cameras or recoding facilities).

Please can all pupils remember to bring their PE kits into school. They may miss out on their lesson if they have no, or incorrect, PE kit to enable them to participate.

**\*\*Always ensure your child's name is written in ALL uniform\*\***

## Nursery Admissions



We can take initial interest for our Nursery at any time from a child being born. If you know anyone who is interested, or if you have a child yourself who would be eligible to start Nursery in September 2021, 2022 or 2023, please ring/visit the office to register your interest.

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## Term Dates 2019-2020

Benedict Biscop CE Academy 2019-20



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