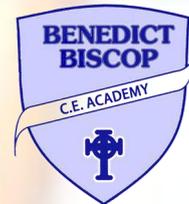


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October 2021

Dates for your diary:



Monday 4th October—Online Portal open for Reception 2022 Applications

Friday 8th October—Harvest Celebration Video

Wednesday 13th October—Flu Vaccinations (Reception—Year 6)

Friday 15th October—Closing date for Nursery 2022 Applications

Monday 18th October—Friday 22nd October —Y5 Bikeability

Friday 22nd October—Last day of half term

Tuesday 2nd November—School re-opens

Tuesday 2nd November—Friday 5th November—Y6 Bikeability

Friday 12th November—School Individual Photographs

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th November—Parents Evenings

W/C 29th November—Book Fair—More information to follow closer to the time

Nursery Spaces for September 2022

If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 - 31st August 2019 and would like them to attend Benedict Biscop, please call the School Office to complete an initial interest form as soon as possible.

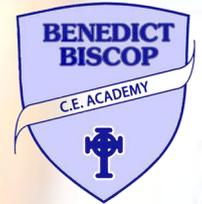
Please note that you can register interest for your child to attend our Nursery when they are 3, anytime from birth.



Packed lunches

Last term our Right Knights looked into what is advised as a Healthy lunch. They then led sessions across school to support our children to make healthy food choices. We hope that they have been sharing with you what they learned. They have also worked with Governors to review our packed lunch policy (available on our school website)

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Year 5 Investigators



Year 5 have been learning about 'Living things' in science this half term, looking at reproduction in plants. They really enjoyed dissecting daylilies, finding and identifying all of the different parts of a flowering plant, then learning about them.



Is your child eligible for funding?

Are you eligible for free school meals [different to the meals provided throughout Reception and Key Stage 1]?

Did you know that if you are, the school attracts pupil premium funding which is used to support them to access additional music tuition sessions and to provide access to some after school clubs and residential visits free of charge.

To be eligible you must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190 or Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Please register using the link below to find out if your child is entitled to receive extra funding in school to support their education. Applying online is easy, but feel free to contact the school office for more information:

https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

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Year 2 Scientists



This week the children in Year 2 explored the seeds found in fruits, vegetables and flowers. They used magnifying glasses to make careful observations. They then drew their own pictures and labelled them clearly.



After this, they investigated how seeds are dispersed, making their own helicopter seeds and trying them outside. We wonder what science investigations they will do next week?



Help us to keep everyone safe!

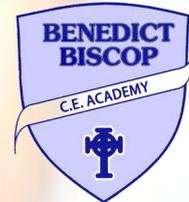
Please can we ask all parents, grandparents and carers to be considerate to our neighbours when parking outside of school and the surrounding streets. Please make sure that you are not blocking any residents driveways and that you do not double park at any time. It is important for emergency vehicles that roads are accessible.

We would also ask that once children have been dropped off at school, that families move parked cars as soon as possible to help avoid traffic congestion in our neighbouring streets.

Remember that families are now able to drive into the school car park and use the drop of layby. We do ask however that children are of an appropriate age to walk around unsupervised to their entrance door and that families respect the 5mph speed limit.

Can we also remind parents to check that roads are clear before crossing, as cars are now driving in and out of the car park.

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Good to Grow

Our School has registered to be part of the 'Good to Grow' scheme where, for every £10 spent in store or online at Morrisons between Monday 6th September and Sunday 24th October 2021, you'll receive one Grow Token that we can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment for School.



Your support would be greatly appreciated.

For more information, please visit <https://itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/>

Pupil Voice

Article 12 - I have the right to be listened to and taken seriously

It was Election Day at Benedict Biscop on Friday 10th September and our new school council has been chosen. Our democratic voting process was led by our wonderful new house captains, who helped the younger pupils choose two brilliant representatives for their class.

We are proud to share that our class representatives are:

Year 1 - Ella-Rose and Isaac

Year 2 - Ella and Nathan

Year 3 - Geoffrey and Jasmine

Year 4 - Ava and Oliver

Year 5 - Keira and Nathaniel

Year 6 - House captains - **Millie, Mia, Melody and Emily**

The Rights Knights have already had their first meeting and have been discussing the school's rewards system - we will keep you updated on this pressing issue.



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Ancient Greeks

Year 4 have loved learning about the ancient Greeks so far. They have explored fantastic discoveries and artefacts, making predictions about what they were used for before completing their own research. The children have been sketching pottery designs, taking inspiration from the artefacts they explored.



THANK YOU



We would like to say a huge thank you to the Moorside Residents Association, particularly Mrs Hepburn and Mr Bell, who joined us at school to kindly donate £1,233.00 towards the School's new outdoor classroom area.

We can't wait to sit and work outside on our new picnic tables!

OPAL SANDPIT



The children have always asked for a sandpit as part of our OPAL development.... and we are really pleased to share that it has been created. We have really enjoyed building castles and exploring. If you have any unwanted buckets and spades—we'd love to have them!

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Year 1



Year 1 have done a fantastic job of settling into school! We've been concentrating on learning our new routines, as well as getting to know our classroom and all of the outdoor areas. In maths, we've been practising our numbers to 10, using our maths toolkits to help our learning and our talking and listening skills to rehearse our maths vocabulary. Our topic is me, myself, my world, and we've been learning about our own family tree and how every family is unique and different! The children have enjoyed sharing different life events and experiences with each other, including looking at photos.



STONE AGE LIFE

In **Year 3**, we are learning about life during the Stone Age. We have enjoyed exploring Stone Age artefacts and investigating where Stone Age people settled in the Neolithic period.



The children have started their theme by showing great enthusiasm and knowledge that has blown Mr Cain and the year 3 staff away!

We can't wait to move through time and learn what the Bronze Age and Iron Age was like!

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Colour Creations

The children in **EYFS** have shown an interest in colour mixing. We have used a range of different



mediums, including powder and poster paint. The children have loved experimenting with colour creation, whilst developing their understanding of texture and consistency. We have observed as the children have demonstrated that they can effectively use the painting tools to create some exciting, colourful artwork.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

It's great that children are exercising whilst travelling to school. To make sure that their bikes and scooters are safe, please **bring a lock** and make sure they are fastened safely to our racks. This also means children won't mix them with our OPAL equipment.

Life in WW2



Year 6 have been investigating what life was like as an evacuee in WW2. They were presented with a range of wrapped items and spent a long time predicting what they

thought it would be, using their prior knowledge. After unwrapping them, they realised how few items an evacuee took with them.



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Term Dates 2021-2022

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

The Inset days may be subject to change.