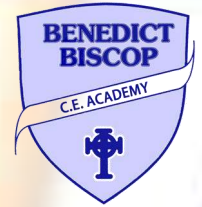


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School vision:

Our school vision summarises what we want as a school for your child.
Our vision statement is

‘all things are possible’

This comes from.....Matthew 19 V26 ‘With god, all things are possible’

Why have we chosen this?

We believe that each and every learner is completely unique and special to God and it is our role as a school to enable them to flourish in their potential, as a uniquely created and wonderfully made child of God. This means that by working together, we can create a unique, purposeful learning environment that enables children to achieve anything they put their mind too, no matter how impossible it may seem at first or what barriers appear to be in the way.

We can teach children to overcome these challenges, and to believe they can make a positive contribution to the local and global community, no matter what.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 28th - 30th June—Year 6 Transition visits
Tuesday 28th June—End of year reports published
Wednesday 29th June—Year 1 School Trip
Wednesday 29th June—EYFS Mud Day
Monday 4th July—Sports Day
Wednesday 6th July—Open Evening
Thursday 7th July—Red Sky Fundraiser Event
Monday 11th July—Whole School Transition Day
Friday 15th July—BB FEST!
Wednesday 20th July—Year 6 Presentation
Thursday 21st July—PTFA Summer Term Disco
Friday 22nd July—Year 6 end of term trip

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Career aspirations – can you help?

At Benedict Biscop, we have always tried to provide our pupils with real-life experiences. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions over the last few years, we have not been able to host as many visitors into school and educational visits to certain places have been restricted. We are therefore focusing on ways that we can once again provide children with these opportunities.

As part of our personal development curriculum our pupils, in the Spring term, learn about **'living in the wider world'** looking specifically at money management and careers. We are very keen to invite people into school who can share exciting information about their job role and how their career pathway led them to this role. We are also keen to widen our group of regular volunteers who can share their talents with our pupils, which may inspire our pupils to take up roles within different fields e.g. gardening.

We would therefore love to hear from parents and family members who would be interested to talking to our pupils and becoming part of a Benedict Biscop alumni.

If you would be interested, please click on the link below and share with us how you could be involved in the future:

<https://forms.gle/hCnsQNTPUUp39NyAdA>

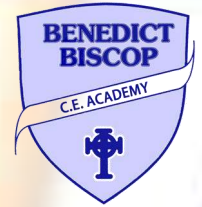
YEAR 6

Year 6 had an amazing time at The Marine Activities Centre. They really pushed themselves out of their comfort zone!

The 1st challenge of the day... getting all 34 children in wetsuits and life aids! After that they headed to the Marina where they were split into teams and paddled to the pier.



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NEWCASTLE REFORM SYNAGOGUE

Year 1 had a virtual tour of the Newcastle Reform Synagogue where they learned about all of the different parts of the synagogue, including the Mezuzah and the Ark. They looked at different Jewish artefacts, learning different facts and interesting information. The children had lots of ideas about what things might be needed for or where they came from. They particularly enjoyed looking at the plaques showing the Creation story, linking this to our learning about the Creation story in the Bible. Finally, they learned a greeting in Hebrew, using this to greet and say goodbye to our teacher.



OPEN EVENING INVITATION

Every term, we invite parents and carers into school to meet with class teachers. Historically, in the Summer term, we did not have formal timed appointments. Families were invited into school, where they were able to visit their child's class and see their work books. They were also able to move around school to see where their child will be learning next academic year. Due to restrictions, we have not been able to host this event for the last two years.

Now that restrictions are lifted, we would like to invite our families to attend our school **Open Evening on Wednesday 6th July**. Families will be able to look through their child's books, within their current classroom and speak to the class teacher. They will also be able to move around school and have the opportunity to see our new extended areas and meet staff.

School will be open to families from 3:45pm to 6pm. Please note that families do not need to book appointments. We look forward to seeing you all!

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POLICE VISIT

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their visits from the police this term! They learned about online safety and how to stay safe on social media; they were excited to ask the police all of their burning questions about their career and what their job entails. The class particularly loved having the opportunity to see some of their equipment and uniform.

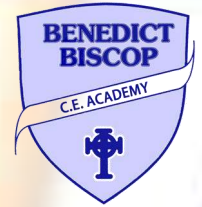


AMELIA EARHART

Year Two have been learning about Amelia Earhart. They have used iPads, books and other sources of evidence to research her life. The children worked in groups to act out parts of her life and freeze frame it.



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COMMUNITY WORSHIP DATES

We have been really excited to be able to invite families to attend class Worship. Following this, we are now opening to the Community to attend Worship on the following dates:

Friday 8th July 2022

Friday 15th July 2022

Please be aware that the doors to Worship close promptly at 9am. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, however this is to allow minimal distraction for the children—thank you for your understanding.

END OF TERM EUCHARIST



We are delighted to be able to confirm that we will be holding a Eucharist Service on **Tuesday 19th July at 10am.**

It has been a few years since we have held a Eucharist Service within school and we are so happy that Revd Dave Tolhurst will be able to lead us in this Service of Holy Communion.

Parents and the wider community are invited to come and join staff and KS2 children, where pupils and adults are invited to receive holy communion or a blessing—if they choose to.

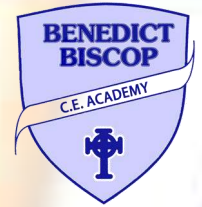
If you do not wish your child to receive holy communion or a blessing, please inform the school office.

Packed Lunches

Please can parents ensure packed lunches brought from home and consumed in school and on educational visits are filled with healthy and nutritious food that is similar to the food served in school. You can find our 'Packed Lunch Policy' on our School Website under:

- ⇒ Key info
- ⇒ Policies

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SPORTS DAY

Children in Year 1 – 6 will take part in sports day on Monday 4th July 2022. They will be required to wear their P.E kit and will need to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house team. If your child doesn't have a t-shirt in that colour, please don't worry as a bib can be provided.

YELLOW	Aiden
BLUE	Bede
GREEN	Caedmon
RED	Cuthbert

Your child's teacher will let you know which house they are in if you are unsure.

Parents are invited to come and watch their children at the following times. Entry will be via the front gate straight onto the school field.

Year 1 & 2	9.15am start approx.
Years 3,4,5 & 6	1.15am start approx.

If the event needs to be cancelled due to the weather or ground conditions, a text will be sent before 8.45am that morning.

Reminder no photographs and parents will be asked to leave if seen using mobile phones. Where pupils have permission, we will upload photos to our Facebook page.

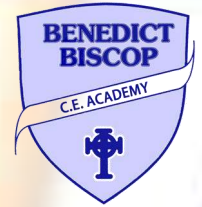
Attendance

School have received an increase in leave of absence requests for holidays in recent months. We would like to remind parents that



school are not able to authorise holidays during term time and that every school day counts. Research has shown that missing school for just 10 days a year can have a significant impact on your child's academic achievement. We would like to encourage families to only book holidays during agreed school holidays, helping us to ensure your child receives their full entitlement. Our attendance policy is available on our school website for all families to access.

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AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

We are delighted we are able to offer an affordable childcare solution for parents/carers of children attending Benedict Biscop C.E Academy with our Afterschool Club, catering for children from Nursery to Year 6.



Afterschool Club is located in the Learning Centre from Monday to Friday during term time, running straight from children finishing school until 6 o'clock. Children can be collected anytime from them entering Afterschool Club (3:15pm/3:30pm), up until 6pm.

Afterschool Club operates within the values and guidelines of the school and its emphasis is on providing good quality play care for your child after a busy day at school, creating a relaxed, calm and homely environment.



The club offers a variety of activities, allowing for children to play, learn and develop.



There is a range of equipment and toys that meet their varying needs, giving children opportunities to read, draw, make and play—we also carry out cooking activities with children. On sunny days children will also be given the opportunity to explore the outdoors. In this environment we encourage the children to participate in team building activities and sports, building team work skills and self-confidence.

We also provide children with tea and a light healthy snack, changing this regularly depending on the Children's dietary requirements and enjoyment in certain foods.



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EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE—MUD DAY

WARNING – your child is going to get MUDDY!

As you will be very aware, children love to get messy, especially when working outdoors! In order to

celebrate the love we have for our natural world, Nursery and Reception children will be celebrating National Mud Day on **Wednesday 29th June 2022**. Mud Day is a day for children to connect directly with mother earth. They feel the warmth of mother earth by lying, rolling around and playing in the mud without any barriers.

In order for children to join in with the celebrations comfortably, we ask that children come to school wearing old clothes. We guarantee that lots of muddy memories will be made and we will be sharing this special day with you via our Facebook page.

Dental Workshop

Children in Early Years have had an important visitor into school— Mel from the dental team came in to educate the children on dental hygiene.

The children enjoyed exploring Mel's resources and discussing what foods are good for our teeth and what foods we should eat minimal amounts of.

The big teeth and toothbrush were very popular. Mel demonstrated how the children should be brushing their teeth effectively. She also

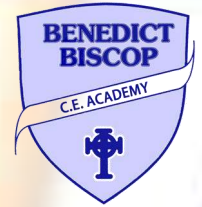
encouraged the children to use their tablets or

watches etc to time two minutes whilst brushing their teeth.

Mel also brought a friend along with her, he was called Mr Croc. Mr Croc was dressed up as a dentist and explained the procedure of attending a dentist appointment.



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RED SKY FUNDRAISER

As part of our support for Red Sky Foundation we are holding a KEEP FIT FUNDRAISER on **Thursday 7th July 2022**.

We are hoping to raise money for the Red Sky Foundation to support with the installation of a defibrillator outside of the school grounds. As you know Red Sky are a

charity that work to provide life-saving defibrillators for local school and public space. At Benedict Biscop we are lucky enough to have a defibrillator in school but this is not accessible when school is closed. The staff and children are keen to raise money to help install defibrillators throughout Moorside and beyond – our first aim is to have one installed outside of the school grounds BUT we need your help!

On Thursday 7th July children should come to school in their P.E kit ready for a day of KEEP FIT FUN! We will be holding a KEEP FIT FUNDRAISER where children will take part in a PT led HIIT session and we are asking each child to raise as much money as they can through sponsorships. We all know that keeping fit and exercising is important for a healthy heart and we want to ensure we raise awareness of this as well as the important work the Red Sky Foundation do.

Sponsor forms have been sent home in children's book bags. Please return to school by **Monday 11th July** with any money in a sealed envelope.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Children have previously taken home a proof and order form of their class photo taken a few weeks ago.

If you wish to place an order, please do so online at www.tempest-orders.co.uk and follow the instructions on your order form.

There is no obligation to buy.



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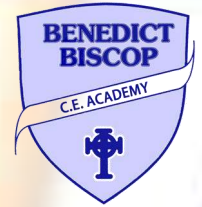
***THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2022
RECEPTION/KS1: 4:30-5:45
KS2: 6-7:30***

£2 ENTRY

***TUCK, HOTDOGS AND DRINKS WILL ALSO BE
ON SALE!***

***ENTRY AND COLLECTION WILL BE AT THE
KEY STAGE 1 DOOR VIA THE FRONT GATE***

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BB FEST!

We excited to announce that after 2 years off, BB Fest will be returning! This will take place **Friday 15th July 2022** and we are already looking forward to the event which will give us an opportunity to meet as a whole school community before the end of the school year.

This year our theme is "Let's Celebrate!" Children will guide us through the decades in celebration of Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will also hear a showcase from our children who have instrumental lessons in school.

The event, as usual, will take place on the school field with the stage set up and an area cordoned off for children to perform. We ask that parents sit behind this area or to the sides- perfect for watching all the children perform. Bring deckchairs or picnic blankets, sun cream and sunhats (hopefully)! The PTFA have organised various stalls selling refreshments from around the perimeter of the field throughout the afternoon so bring so money for tuck and refreshments.

This year we are hoping to start at approximately 1:15pm with the FRONT gate opening at 1.00pm. (Back and middle gates will remain locked during the afternoon).

CURRICULUM FOCUS – PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

At Benedict Biscop, we have designed a PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT curriculum that is bespoke to the needs of our pupils. We believe our curriculum helps our pupils by giving them the skills and knowledge to help them lead confident, safe, happy, healthy, independent and productive lives.

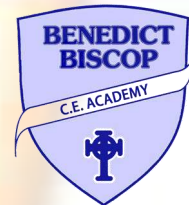
Our personal development curriculum covers all statutory 'Relationships education' requirements and also all non-statutory 'Citizenship' guidance, incorporating focuses on fundamental British Values. For example, pupils are taught about 'mutual respect and tolerance', where pupils learn about respecting similarities and differences [such as race and Disability], helping our children to question stereotypes and to celebrate the diversity of our communities.

In order to provide pupils with further access to information, if they want to continue their learning outside the classroom, our Year 6 pupils have been instrumental in the creation of a new reading area within the school hall. Year 6 pupils helped to design and created a mural based around Maya Angelou's quote, 'In diversity there is beauty and there is strength'.

During breaks and lunchtimes, we open our hall doors and the children can access the area. It has been lovely seeing children use the area since it opened.

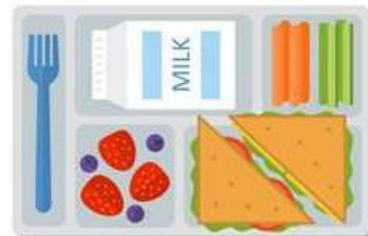


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SCHOOL MEAL INCREASE

The cost of the school meals will increase in September 2022 from £2.10 - £2.20 per day, for Years 3—6 and from £2.00 - £2.10 per day for children in Nursery. As a result of increases in food, wages and fuel prices on our supplier. In order to keep costs as low as possible, School are covering some of the increase keeping increases to a minimum for families.



SUNCREAM

As the weather is now improving, please ensure you apply sun cream to your child/ren on a morning and we will also re-apply sun cream on an afternoon.

Please can children also bring a cap into school.



Sadly, we have recently had an influx in the number of bags of dogs dirt being thrown over the school fence. We have reported this to the council and ask parents

also report any sightings of this to the council too, to help keep our grounds clean and our children safe.



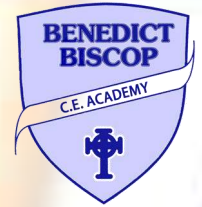
DOGS TRUST

Children were lucky enough to have a visit from Suzie at The Dog's Trust to build their knowledge on how to be safe around dogs.

Each class participated in a workshop where they learned lifelong skills, as well as the important role of The Dog's Trust within our local community, which homes and rescues dogs.

To find out more visit: <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/>

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE JOIN OUR PTFA

**WE WOULD LOVE
YOUR HELP!**

**WE MEET ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY
MONTH TO DISCUSS FUNDRAISING IDEAS.
DON'T WORRY IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND THESE
MEETINGS, YOU CAN STILL BE PART OF THE
PTFA AND HELP AT OUR EVENTS THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR.**

CONTACT SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION



working together

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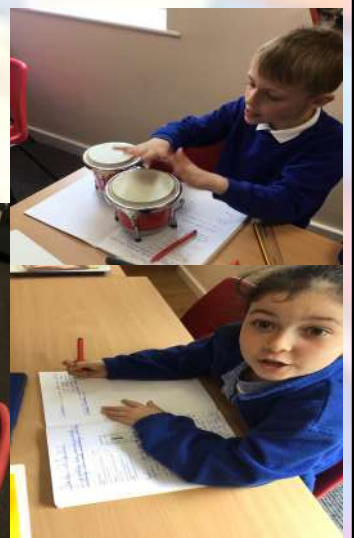
DURHAM CATHEDRAL

Year 3 have recently visited Durham Cathedral. They conducted some geography fieldwork looking at the land around Durham Cathedral using maps and coordinates to navigate and find key landmarks. The children were excellent at reading the map and navigated their way to and from the Cathedral brilliantly. On the afternoon, we explored inside Durham Cathedral and children took the opportunity to pray, look at the statues there and admire the beautiful stained-glass windows.

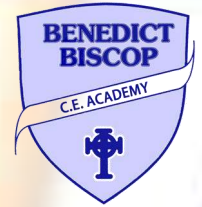


SCIENCE

The Year 4 children have loved learning about sound in science. They learned about how the vibrations travel and explored volume and pitch using different instruments.



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ARTS MARK

We are thrilled to have been awarded the GOLD Arts Mark.



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by the Arts Council England. It supports schools to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education, putting creativity and well-being at the heart of the curriculum.

The Artsmark assessor commended us saying:

'there is strong, purposeful and reflective leadership of the Arts at Benedict Biscop'

'children receive their right to participate in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities'

'their [the pupils] opinions have impacted on your curriculum aims'

We are very proud of the children, staff and our wider school family who have supported us in obtaining this brilliant award.



POLITE REMINDER

We would like to remind parents that our car drop off zone is for **KS2 children** only, as children will walk to class without an adult. Please be aware of your speed in the car park—the car park is a **5mph zone**. We have received complaints of speed exceeding 5mph and would hate to have to remove this facility.

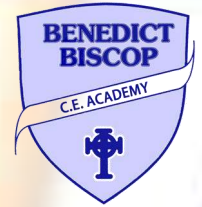
NURSERY SPACES

You can register interest for your child to attend our Nursery when they are 3, anytime from birth.

Is your child born between 01.09.2019—31.08.2020? If so, we would recommend registering your interest now as the admissions process will start in October 2022.



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

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.

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.

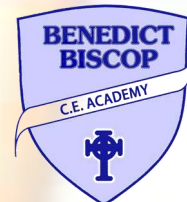
To be eligible you must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below:

- 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](https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

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

The Inset days may be subject to change.

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May 2023						
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June 2023						
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July 2023						
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August 2023						
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27	28	29	30	31		

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

The Inset days may be subject to change