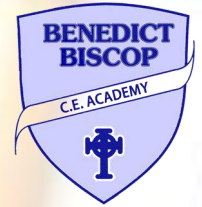


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OCTOBER 2022

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 to, 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.

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, learn about **‘living in the wider world’** looking specifically at money management and careers.

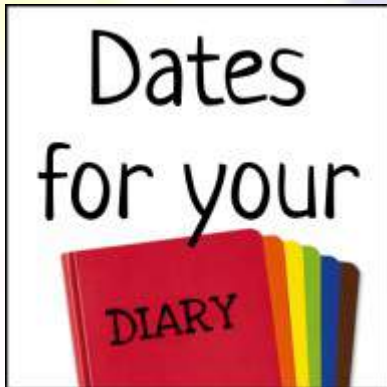
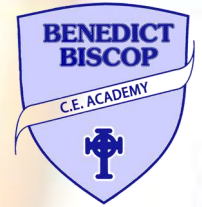
We are very keen to invite people into school who can share exciting information about their job role and how their career pathway led them to this role. We are also keen to widen our group of regular volunteers who can share their talents with our pupils, which may inspire our pupils to take up roles 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 about their job and career.

If you would be interested, please contact the school office.



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7th October —Harvest Festival Worship

W/C 17th October —Book Fayre & Book & Breakfast
(letter to follow)

Friday 21st October— Break up for Half-term

Monday 31st October —Return to school

W/C October 31st—Y5 Bikeability

1st November (running for 5 weeks) - Y2 Walkwise

9th & 10th November —Parents Evening

11th November —Remembrance Worship

14th November —Flu-vaccinations for Reception to Y6

W/C 14th November —Anti-bullying week

14th November —Odd Sock Day

15th November —Individual Photographs

18th November —Children In Need

6th December —Pantomime Years 1—6 (funded by our PTFA)

8th December —Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch

12th December — KS2 Christmas Performance at St Matthews **TBC**

13th December —KS1 Christmas Nativity (PM)

14th December —EYFS Christmas Nativity (AM)

15th December —Carols and Cocoa (5PM)

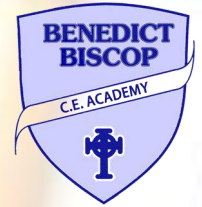
19th December —Christmas Parties

20th December —Break up—Christmas Holidays

A detailed letter of Christmas events will be sent in due course.

*****DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****

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Rights Knights

Children have taken part in the election process and elected their Rights Knights class representatives. We are pleased to announce our new school councillors are:



Year 1 Class 1—Joe and Rosie

Year 1 Class 2—Phoebe and Jenson

Year 2—Ted and Eleanor

Year 3—Georgie and Hannah

Year 4—George and Hope

Year 5—Ethan and Martha

WORSHIP DATES

Parents, Carers and the wider community are invited to attend Worship every week, however please see below for each class shared worship date for this term.

Y1 (Class 1) Friday 25th November

Y1 (Class 2) Friday 25th November

Y2 Friday 2nd December

Y3 Friday 4th November

Y4 Friday 21st October

Y5 Friday 9th December

Y6 Friday 14th October



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 website for all families to access.



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Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week begins w/c 14th November. This year the theme is "Reach Out" and to launch this, we will be taking part in Odd Sock Day.

Children are invited to come to school in odd socks/ different tights to help us celebrate what makes us unique, on Monday 14th November.

No donation is required.



Children In Need

As always, Benedict Biscop CE Academy will be showing its support for Children In Need, which supports disadvantaged children across the UK.

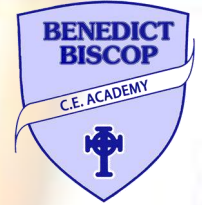


We will be holding another 'spotacular' non-uniform day this year. Pupils are invited to make a £1 donation to participate in our fundraising day, **on Friday 18th November 2022.**



Children can wear non-uniform and outfits should have an element of spots or dots, just as Pudsey's eyepatch does! And, of course, Pudsey ears are welcome.

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YEAR 1— CLASS 1

As part of National Coding Week, we have been learning about algorithms and coding. We created 3-step instructions to give to one another, learned what an algorithm is using the Algorithm AI song and experimented with the Bee-Bots creating our own algorithms. Following this, we will be applying our findings to the Bee-Bot app on iPads in our upcoming Computing lessons.



EYFS

The children in Early Years have been reaping the benefits of having a new oven within the provision.

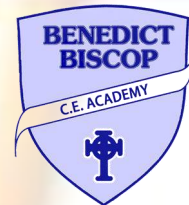
Children have been making lists of things they wish to make and the ingredients required.

This week the children have looked into baking homemade bread to try with peers, using books and technology to research recipes and proportions.

We discussed food hygiene and how important it is to ensure our hands are clean before preparing food.



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SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS

Schoolz Out Clubs are back for Autumn term and we still have available spaces in the clubs below. All clubs run up until Friday 9th December 2022. If your child wishes to take part in one of the clubs, please contact the school office.

Sing-a-long & Dance Club - KS1

The Children will sing and express their personality, helping their confidence grow and creativity to shine through.



Karate Club - KS2

Children will learn self defence and have the opportunity to develop their self confidence.



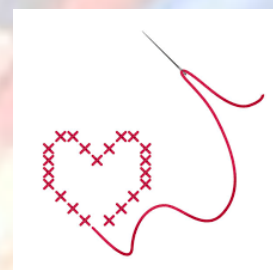
Sports Club - KS1

Children will take part in a wide range of sports such as dodgeball, football and hockey.



Cross Stitch Club - KS2

Children can have fun whilst creating their own projects and be proud of their creations.



Arts and Crafts - KS1

Children will be given the chance to learn and practise different craft activities.

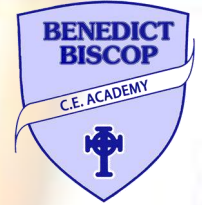


Choir - KS2

A chance for pupils to sing together, develop vocal skills and perform.



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YEAR 5



Year 5 have really enjoyed being creative when presenting their findings on illuminated manuscript lettering, used in Anglo-Saxon times. They practiced sketching techniques and particularly



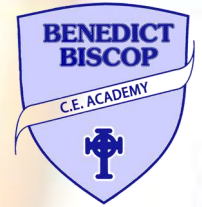
enjoyed experimenting with acrylic paint which they are using to paint their own illuminated letter, inspired by Anglo-Saxon examples.

YEAR 2

We have had a fantastic start to Year Two exploring our new Theme 'Tudor Homes and The Great Fire of London'. The children have spent time ordering events and creating timelines, looking at artefacts and figuring out what they might have been used for and writing some wonderful explanations of the fire.



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HARVEST

Week beginning 3rd October 2022 we will be celebrating Harvest. The children have been working hard to learn songs and prayers for our Harvest Worship.



Children in Year 1 to Year 6 invite you to join us for our Harvest celebration on **Friday 7th October** in the school hall. Please be aware that the doors to Worship closes promptly at 9am. This is to allow minimal distraction for the children—thank you for your understanding.

FOOD BANK

As well as this, we are doing another big drive to request donations to support the food banks across the City. **The hall doors will be open each morning** over the next couple of weeks to accept donations. They can also be handed to **EYFS staff and office staff**. We really appreciate any donations 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 & pulses	Tinned meat
Tinned vegetables	Tea/coffee
Tinned fruit	Biscuits
UHT milk	Fruit juice



Non-food items:

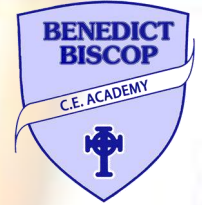
Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes

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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YEAR 6



As part of the Year 6 theme, we visited Beamish to be evacuated to Home Farm. The children experienced what it was like to be in a blackout, where they had to go during an air raid and what it was like to live on a farm in war time. After this experience, we travelled to post-war Britain to see what life was like after the war and understand the impact it had in the 1950s.



CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

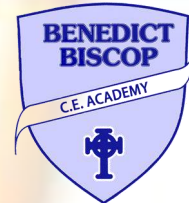


The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 15th November 2022** to take the children's individual photographs—all siblings will also have their picture taken together.

Please remember that you are under no obligation to buy any photographs.

For this date only, could Y4 and Y5 please come into school in their full school uniform with their PE kit in a drawstring bag.

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USEFUL FORMS

Did you know we now have some of our most requested forms now available in digital format via our school website. These can be located under the **'parent tab'**, selecting **'useful forms'**. Once you have submitted the required form, the school office will be notified via email and will update your records accordingly.



SCHOOL TRIPS



We aim to send children on as many trips as possible throughout the year to enhance their learning experience.

We ask for contributions for each trip which helps towards the cost of the transport and entry into the venue and/or any cost for participating in workshops.

We do rely on contributions for the trips to be able to go ahead and thank you for your support with this.

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.

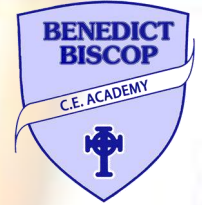
Our personal development curriculum covers all statutory 'Relationships Education' requirements and also all non-statutory 'Citizenship' guidance, incorporating focuses on fundamental British Values. For example, pupils are taught about 'mutual respect and tolerance', where pupils learn about respecting 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 pupils have been instrumental in the creation of a new reading area within the school hall. 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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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.*

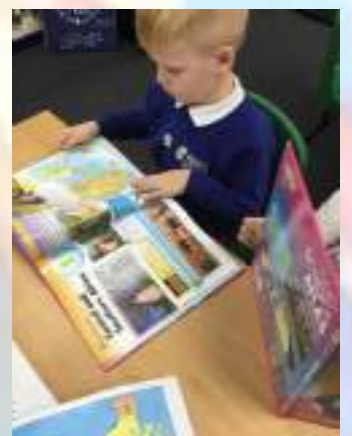
CONTACT SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION



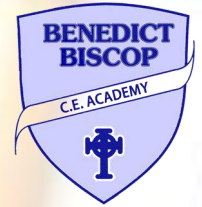
PIC-COLLAGE

YEAR 1— CLASS 2

Focusing on our Geography theme 'Me, My Family, My World', the children have been learning how to use an Atlas and also looking at different types of maps on our IPads. The children have really enjoyed broadening their knowledge and learning about their own locality and comparing it to other places on the map.



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YEAR 3



In year 3 we've started our new theme exploring Over 2000 Years Ago... Stone, Bronze and Iron Age. The children have been exploring historical sources to understand what life was like in the

Stone Age. We have explored what Stone Age people looked like and what roles they had within their communities. We have also explored historical maps of the Neolithic period to understand where primitive people settled during this time.



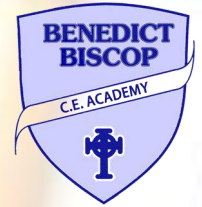
YEAR 4

This term our theme has been investigating and gaining understanding of ancient Greek history. As a class we have worked on a wide range of investigations and writes, creating leaflets for the local people of

Persues arrived at the terrifying lair and was very worried. Every step he took towards the entrance he was more and more nervous. He was extremely nervous but he had a mission to finish. He went in very slowly. He looked around and saw the gorgon fast asleep. Persues thought he had come at the right time since she was asleep. The young boy saw no defeated hero who attempted to defeat the monster. He was tip-toeing towards her as he did not want to be seen. Nothing was there. There were no signs of any human life anywhere. The only thing that was heard was the trees swaying. Tall pillars were towering over him. All of a sudden Medusa woke up and she was not happy that someone was in her lair. She came running towards Persues and he dodged her. Persues ran and quickly out off her lair.

Sunderland informing them of the ancient Greek influences near them. As well as this we have been building vocabulary, using vocabulary strings to write a setting description of Medusa's lair.

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Heritage Award

We have been awarded the Heritage Award from Historic England in recognition of developing a History and Geography curriculum, which celebrates and develops a sense of pride in where we live and allow children to understand their local heritage.



Science Capital Award

We have also been awarded the Science Capital Award in recognition of our achievements in developing a whole school approach to Science Capital.



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.

2023 NURSERY ADMISSIONS

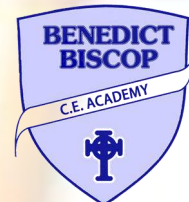


We will shortly begin our admissions process for children who will be starting Nursery in September 2023. This is for children born between **01.09.2019 - 31.08.2020**.

If you have any children born between these dates or know of any family or friends who may wish to apply, please ask them to contact the school office to get an initial interest form as soon as possible.



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

The Inset days may be subject to change