

Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy Newsletter



JANUARY 2023

Welcome back everyone!

We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas holiday and family time. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas events and thank you from all the staff for all the generous gifts and cards received.

The pupils particularly enjoyed their parties and thank you for everyone who helped.

We celebrated many amazing achievements last term and we are predicted that 2023 will be no different!



Sunday 15th January — Reception Application closing date

Monday 23rd January—Year 5 Derwent Hill

Tuesday 24th January 4:30pm —Year 2 & Year 6 SATS Meeting

Thursday 26th January 4:30pm— Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 1 Phonic Screen Meeting

Friday 17th February—School closes for February half-term

Monday 27th February—School reopens

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.

Y6 **Friday 13th January**

Y1 **Friday 20th January**

Y4 **Friday 27th January**

Y3 **Friday 10th February**

Y5 **Friday 17th February**

Y2 **Friday 24th February**

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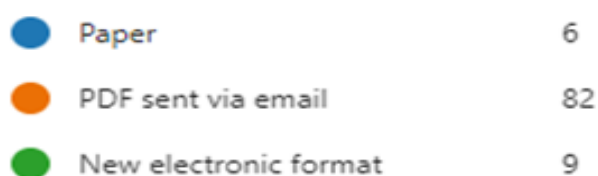


Newsletter Questionnaire Responses

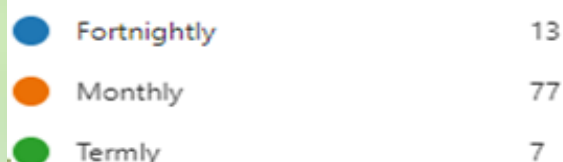
We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete our Newsletter Questionnaire. It is lovely to see how many parents read our Newsletter and how useful this is to parents to plan their month ahead.

As promised, we have included some of the responses below as to how parents would like to receive the Newsletter and feedback as to what can be included within future Newsletters.

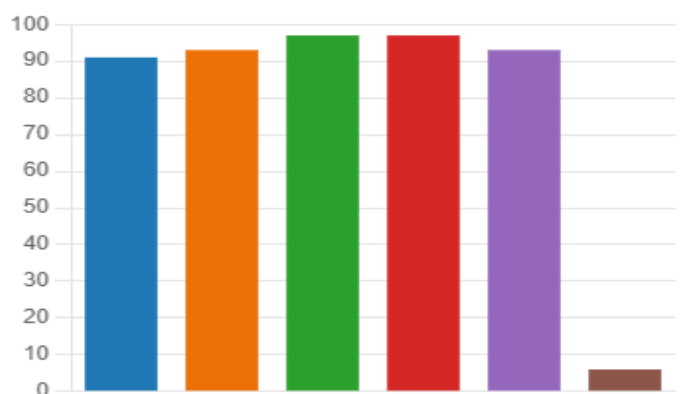
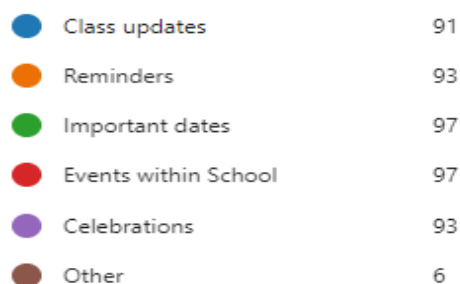
How would you prefer to receive the Newsletter?



How often would you like to receive a Newsletter?



What would you like to read/ see in our Newsletter?



Some examples received under 'other', were that parents would like to see more celebrations relating to the children. Following this, we will now be including Rainbow Awards within our Newsletter.

As well as this, parents requested if the Newsletter could be sent to both parents. Unfortunately, the system we use will only send emails to the first contact listed on the child's account. Therefore, we will ensure that the Newsletter is uploaded to our Website the same day we send this via email, to enable this to be reviewed by both parents.

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you*

On behalf of everyone at Benedict Biscop, we would like to say a huge thank you to families who attended our Christmas events. The PTFA were able to raise a significant amount of money for School.

Pupils would particularly like to say a MASSIVE thank you to the PTFA for their fundraising which allowed them to have ANOTHER wonderful afternoon at the pantomime. Children visited the Gala Theatre to see Sleeping Beauty—a fantastic time was had by all!

PARENTAL WORKSHOPS/ MEETINGS

Please see below the dates and times for some parental meetings we will be running this term at school. This is a chance to find out about how to support your child in preparation for their end of year statutory assessments.

Year 2 & Year 6 SATS Meeting—Tuesday 24th January 4:30pm

**Year 4 Multiplication Check and & Year 1 Phonic Screen Meeting—
Thursday 26th January 4:30pm**

CHRISTMAS JUMPER APPEAL

BB PTFA are keen to accept any donations of Christmas Jumpers and any unwanted gifts for future events.

We would be really grateful if you could bring any donations to the school office. THANK YOU!

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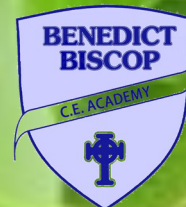
SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS!

We are excited to announce that Schoolz Out Clubs are back for another term! We have spoken with children in KS1 & KS2 to gather feedback on clubs they have taken part in and what clubs they would like to be on offer for Spring term. Following children's feedback, we have the below clubs available:

Karate Club - KS1 & KS2
Science Club - KS1
Choir Club - KS1 & KS2
Girls & Boys Football Club - KS2
Digital Leaders Club - Invite Only
Cooking Club - KS1
Mix and Match Club - KS1
performing Arts Club - KS2

Schoolz Out Club spaces are to be booked directly through SchoolMoney—payments have already gone live and will close on
FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY 2023 AT 9AM

ATTENDANCE



BLUE	98-100%	You have missed 0 – 4 days of learning	Excellent. Keep it up!
GREEN	96 - 97%	You have missed 5 - 7 days of learning	Having good attendance will help your child progress in all areas of school life and fulfil their potential and ability.
YELLOW	91-95%	You have missed 9 – 17 days of learning	Weak attendance – learning will be impacted We will work in partnership to support the improvement needed. How can we help?
AMBER	Below 90%	You have missed 19+ days of learning	Persistent Absence You must improve We will work directly with you to improve attendance alongside our attendance procedures
RED	Below 80%	You have missed 38+ days of learning	Severe Persistent Absence Absence is a serious, significant concern and is disrupting your child's learning and long-term education outcomes. Direct work will take place with you to improve attendance.

Number of days/weeks are based on the percentage across the year.

Your child's attendance at school is very important and where children's attendance falls below 95% over the course of the school year, research has shown that this amount of absence will have a negative effect on your child's academic achievement and they may not be able to achieve their full potential.

We actively discourage holiday absence during term time as we know that absence can also be effected by illness and unfortunately the school are not able to authorise leave of absences unless for exceptional circumstances.

We would like to thank families who have already started to engage in our new attendance procedures including using our new online forms, however we would like to remind parents that we ask that they share with us any plans to take their child out of school at least two weeks in advance where possible. We would also ask that parents are open and honest with school regarding the purpose of absences.

We aim to keep you updated with your child's current attendance on a half termly basis using our new attendance letters. If you have any queries regarding the accuracy of recorded absences then please notify the main school office immediately.

Our full attendance policy can be found on our school website under the key info tab and 'Policies'.

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Reception places—application reminder!

If your child's date of birth falls between **01/09/2018** and **31/08/2019**, you will need to apply for a primary school for September 2023.

We would like to remind parents that the closing date for applications is 15th January 2023.

Parents can apply online at:

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/article/13002/Apply-for-an-infant-junior-or-primary-school-place-September-2023>

You will receive an email confirmation from Sunderland Council once your application has been received.

National Offer Day is 17th April 2023.

PTFA RAFFLE PRIZES

Just to advise everyone that the recent raffles held by our PTFA on both Parents Evening and Carols & Cocoa, have been drawn and all prizes have been claimed.

Thank you for your kind donations and continued support for our PTFA.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you for the parents who have registered their interest in becoming a parent governor.

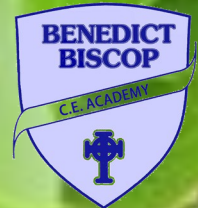


We have had 5 parents who have been nominated and an election will take place from **Monday 16th January to Friday 20th January 2023**. The ballot papers will be sent home to all children next week. More information on how to vote, and supporting statements from the candidates will be included with the ballot papers.

The election is being managed independently of the school by South Tyneside Council and therefore all votes will be counted and verified by them.

LUNCH MENU GUIDE

Menu is subject to change based on food availability



WEEK ONE

PRIMARY MENU WEEK 1	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dish 1	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Chow Mein with Noodles	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Chicken Burger in a Bun with Baked Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Dish 2	Veggie Curry with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Jacket Wedges	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Chilli with Rice	Cheese Pastry Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Dish 3		Halal Chicken Chow Mein with Noodles	Spicy Halal Chicken Breast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Halal Chicken Burger in a Bun with Baked Potato Wedges	
Jacket Potato and Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans, or Tuna Mayo
Sandwiches	Cheese, Tuna Mayo, or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna Mayo, or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna Mayo, or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna Mayo, or Ham Sandwich
Vegetables	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Broccoli Fresh Carrots	Cauliflower Seasonal Greens	Sweetcorn Carrots & Mixed Salad	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Vanilla Crunch	Ginger Sponge & Chocolate Sauce or Custard	Ice Cream & Banana	Shortbread Finger & Fruit Wedges	Chocolate Crunch



WEEK TWO

PRIMARY MENU WEEK 2	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dish 1	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Turkey Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Stuffing Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Arrabbiata Sauce & Mixed Rice	Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Dish 2	Veggie Hot Dog with Onions and Baked Potato Wedges	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Half Jacket Potato	Roast Veggie Balls with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Burger with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Nuggets & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Dish 3		Halal Lamb Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Spicy Halal Chicken Breast with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Halal Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Arrabbiata Sauce & Mixed Rice	
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Vegetables	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Green Beans Cauliflower	Carrots Savoy Cabbage	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Oaty Crunchy Biscuit	Fresh Fruit Salad	Jelly & Mandarins	Jam Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Brownie



WEEK THREE

PRIMARY MENU WEEK 3	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dish 1	Veggie Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce & Rice	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Fish Fingers & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Dish 2	Cheesy Bean Pitta Pocket with Baby Baked Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Veggie Mince Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Cheese Flan & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Dish 3		Halal Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Mashed Potato	Spicy Halal Chicken Breast with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Halal Lamb Kofte with Mash or Mixed Rice	
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Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Garden Salad	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Winter Greens Cauliflower	Green Beans, Carrots & Baked Beans	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Hob Nob Cookie with Apple Smiles	Jelly & Mandarins	Flapjack Finger & Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Frozen Toffee Yoghurt

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Useful Forms



Please find below some useful links to forms which you can complete to notify the school office of any changes etc.

- **Change of Details** – Please click on this link to notify the school office of any changes e.g. Address, telephone number, change of circumstances etc.
- **Change of Lunch Preference Form** – Please use this form to advise us if your child would like to change to school dinners or to packed lunches (please read our school policy on packed lunches)
- **Photographic Permission Form** – Please complete this form if you would like to update the permissions that we hold.
- **Gate Preference (for collection of pupils)** – Please use this form to notify us if you would like to change where you collect your child from after school.
- **Breakfast Club & After School Club Contract** – You will need to complete this form if you are wanting to use our Breakfast/After School Club facilities.
- **Initial Interest in Nursery** – If you would like your child to be included in our Nursery Admission process please complete this form so that we can send you an application form nearer the time.
- **Exceptional Circumstances Leave of Absence from School Application form** – Please use this form to advise Benedict Biscop CE Academy of an exceptional leave of absence request for a pupil.
- **Appointment Notification Form** – Please use this form to advise Benedict Biscop CE Academy of any appointments that your child may have which requires them to be out of school. (Please note that wherever possible appointments should be made out of school hours).

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 'Parents' 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.

**Our Term dates can be found selecting the following [link](#)
Please note we have updated this to include the extra bank holiday
for the King's Coronation**