



# Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy

*"Every child is cherished as a unique individual" – Ofsted 2012*

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*'With God, all things are possible'*

## **Reading at Benedict Biscop – YEAR 1 PARENTS**

Dear Parents,

**A huge welcome back – the children have settled brilliantly and are thoroughly enjoying the new school year.**

I know you will be aware how much we value parental support. Part of this is the communication between school and home – "What is my child doing in school and how can I best support them at home?" A question we are always asked.

At Benedict Biscop we have set up a number of systems to help you support your child and I want to take this opportunity to remind you of these as some of these have been updated this year.

### **Early Reading & Collins eBooks**

As I am sure you are aware, reading is a vital life skill and something which we place the utmost importance on here at Benedict Biscop. **Firstly, we would like to invite you to a Year 1 reading and phonics workshop which will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 9am.** This will be straight after book fair browsing. This workshop is designed to support you as a parent in understanding your child's reading and phonics journey. **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

It is the school's role to teach reading. However, **you** play a vital role, too. It is important that children have plenty of practice reading at home in order to become fluent, confident readers, also developing a love for reading.

A reminder that children will "bring home" 2 types of books:

1. a **reading practice book** (linked to their phonics scheme)
2. a **sharing book**

**Reading practice books** will be shared via the NEW Collins Hub online platform [CLICK HERE](#). **LOG IN DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR CHILD'S READING DIARY.** Please disregard any log in details you may have had in previous years for this platform – Collins have completely overhauled their systems and interface. Books will be matched to your child's phonic stage and children should be able to read 95% of the words; if books are sent home that children cannot decode, it will lead to frustration for everyone. The idea is that children develop fluency and confidence- please do not worry if you think this is too easy.

**Sharing books** are books for you and your child to read and enjoy together. They will not be able to read this on their own. These books are to encourage story vocabulary, imagination and developing a reading stamina. In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together.



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**More information will be shared at the reading workshop - we hope you are able to join us!**

A reminder that another resource we use in school is Showbie.

### **What is Showbie?**

Showbie is an easy-to-use app that is available on your device's APP store OR in your web browser at [showbie.com](https://showbie.com). We use Showbie to set learning tasks both in school and for home learning/ homework- your child will access Showbie throughout their learning journey at Benedict Biscop and your child's profile will be split into key learning areas/folders.

We would like you to support your child to sign in to their new Showbie account, so they have an easy way to access their work. It's simple, secure, and it only takes a minute or two to get started.

Showbie is not to be used as a communication tool with school – if you have any queries please contact the school office.

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I appreciate that this is a lot of information and if you have any further queries, please contact me at school.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs G Clark

| <b>Collins eBooks log in instructions/ details</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Showbie log in instructions/ details</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Please visit website <a href="#">here</a></li><li>2. From the log in page please select the relevant option for your child e.g. I am a primary pupil</li><li>3. Enter USERNAME &amp; PASSWORD</li></ol> <p>Once you have logged in you will see the Library screen, which contains all of the eBooks assigned to your child by their teacher. These are listed alphabetically, and you will need to use the arrows to scroll through the page numbers to find the book you wish to read. To open a book, click on the cover.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Go to Showbie <a href="#">here</a></li><li>2. Log in using the scan QR CODE OPTION - scan the QR code in your child's reading diary. Please note you cannot scan the QR code directly from a camera.</li></ol> |