

# THE EARLY YEARS ECHO

Discovering our world, one day at a time...

December 2019

We believe children are powerful, competent and rich in potential.

We provide an environment that promotes creativity and playfulness encompassed in awe and wonder.

We empower our children to become curious and confident individuals who are co-constructors of their own journey, and researchers in their own right.

Merry Christmas from Early Years!

We can't believe we are at the end of our first full term already, and what a wonderful last month we have had. The children have loved getting into the Christmas spirit; beautifully decorating our Early Years classrooms, visiting the very entertaining Pantomime, and last, but by all means not least, putting on a fantastic Christmas nativity for their families. We are also especially proud to announce that Benedict Biscop have recently been announced as the top school in Sunderland in the Key Stage 2 performance tables, in regards to reading, writing, and maths.

We hope you all have an amazing Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2020!

## 'Everyone Loves a Baby!'



Christmas would not be the same without our fantastic EYFS Nativity, and so we would like to thank everyone who came to watch our performance of 'Everyone Loves a Baby'. The children worked so hard learning their lines and remembering the words and actions to all of the songs, and I am sure you will agree they put on an exceptional show!

# Save the date!

## Dates for Spring Half Term

Monday 6th January—INSET DAY

Wednesday 29th January (AM) —Book & Breakfast (more information to follow)

Wednesday 12th February—Spring Disco (Reception only)

Friday 14th February - Last day of term

Monday 24th February—First day of term



**Please add us on Facebook to keep up to date with what children have been up to!**

**Please feel free to leave a positive comment on the children's latest interests and experiences.**

## Early Years Visitors

Any visitors coming into Early Years are kindly asked to go to the main school office to sign in and then be brought around by a member of the office team. May we also remind you that mobile phones are not permitted in our Early Years; either inside or in our outdoor area. We thank you for your support with this and we are sure you understand that the protection and safety of our children is paramount.

## Hidden Treasures?



Please keep an eye out for our 'Hidden Treasures' board in our Early Years entrance, where we are regularly asking for donations of things that you may have laying around and unused. We are currently looking for:

- Junk modelling (recycling materials)
- Dinosaurs/animals
- Baby bottles, nappies, and changing mat
- Thick cardboard
- Children's comics and magazines
- Tools (screwdrivers)

This changes regularly as we follow the children's interests and fascinations- so keep a look out!

## EYFS Email

We have got our email address up and running again! We would love to receive any emails from you and your child about the adventures you have been up to or anything you would like to share with us. We understand that weekends are very busy and you may not have time to add photos in the me, my family, my world books so please feel free to send it in via email.

[eyfs@benedictbiscopacademy.co.uk](mailto:eyfs@benedictbiscopacademy.co.uk)

# Beach School

(Full-time Reception)

*This term at Beach School, children have demonstrated their artistic talents and used water colour paints and canvas to create their own piece of coastline inspired artwork.*

*Children mixed their own colours and shades, used different brushes to blend, and layered the colours to create texture.*

*On the way to the beach, we found a decorated stone that someone had left, to wish people visiting the beach a 'Merry Christmas'. We thought this was a lovely gesture and decided to create our own Christmas inspired stones, sending Christmas wishes to the local community.*



Please continue to check the parent's entrance for dates for your child's Beach School session, and please ensure that when it is your child's session, they come to school in old clothes and bring a pair of wellies in a bag.

# 'Carols Around The Campfire'

*Thank you to all of the families who braved the cold and joined us for Christmas songs, hot chocolate, and biscuits around the campfire. It was lovely to see you all enjoying family time around the fire pit.*



# The Pantomime

*The children had a lovely trip to the pantomime to see 'The Elves and the Shoemaker', and were even lucky enough to meet Santa and receive an early Christmas present. We would like to say a huge thank you again to all of our parent volunteers who gave up their time to make our visit possible.*



# Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

*It was lovely to see such wonderful Christmas jumpers again this year in support of 'Save the Children'. The children all looked brilliant and were full of Christmas cheer. Thank you all for your donations! The children even got to enjoy a lavishly spread Christmas dinner, complete with Christmas crackers.*



# Christmas Party

Wow! What a fantastic end to this half term. We are so proud of the children's achievements and what better way to celebrate than a Christmas party! The children looked amazing as always in their beautiful outfits and enjoyed dancing the afternoon away to their favourite music. The children enjoyed participating in a range of party games but our favourite part was the... PARTY FOOD!

Thank you!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind wishes, cards and very generous gifts.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to hearing all about your festive adventures in January 2020!

