

THE EARLY YEARS ECHO

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

January 2020

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.

We've had a fantastic start to our journey at Benedict Biscop C.E Academy. This month, we have enjoyed welcoming six new children to our Early Years family. It has been wonderful getting to know our new children and helping them settle into their new learning environment. Children have been so welcoming and nurturing towards their new peers!



The journey of a 1000 miles
must begin with a simple step.

Happy 2020!

Emerging Interests in Early Years

Children have shown an interest in some new and exciting areas for us to investigate! Take a look at what we've been up to!



Outdoors!



*"The best education
does not happen
at a desk,
but rather engaged
in everyday living -
hands on, exploring,
in active relationship
with life."*

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FUN OUTDOORS CAN BE MESSY! PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CHILDREN HAVE A SPARE CHANGE OF CLOTHES IN A DRAW STRING BAG ON THEIR PEG. IF YOU HAVE ANY SOCKS AND TIGHTS YOU WISH TO DONATE, THEY WOULD BE GREATLY RECEIVED.

Forest School

Since our Carols Around the Campfire evening, children have shown a keen interest in fire! This week, children have explored using a saw to prepare their wood, use strikers to make sparks, cooking toast over the fire and making their own charcoal.



Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire!

Book and Breakfast

January 29th from 8.15am



Read, read, read all about it!

Please join us from 8.15am and celebrate a story with your child over a continental breakfast! Please bring your child's favourite books and story characters along with you and help us to promote our love of reading!

If you are a vivid story teller, love sharing stories with your child and would like to come in and read to us, please let us know!

Save the date!

Dates for Spring Half Term

Wednesday 29th January —
Book & Breakfast

Wednesday 12th February—
Spring Disco (Reception children
only)

School Closes Friday 14th
February for half term.

Please see the parents area for
weekly Beach School sessions!

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**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**

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.

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