



BERRYMEDE



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Term Dates 2018

Spring Term 2018

Half Term Holiday

Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb 2018

Back to School for pupils

Mon 19th Feb 2018

Term Ends

Thurs 29th March 2018

Easter Holiday

Fri 30th March – Fri 13th April 2018

Summer Term 2018

Term starts for Pupils

Mon 16th April 2018

May Day (Bank Holiday)

Mon 7th May 2018

Half Term Holiday

Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June 2018

Teachers Training Day

Mon 4th June 2018

Back to School for pupils

Tuesday 5th June 2018

Term Ends for Pupils

Thursday 19th July 2018

Teacher Training Day

Fri 20th July 2018



Mrs Khan's parent group
Monday Mornings - 9am
For more information, please
enquire at the school office.

Stay up to date by
regularly visiting the
school website and if
you haven't already,
make sure you sign up to class dojo!!
<https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/>



Please encourage
your child to read
everyday!
At Berrymede we
are extremely
passionate about
reading and we
want to get all
parents involved in
their child's
reading.

Dream BIG READ!



Article 3: The best interest of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As 2018 picks up momentum, I would like to draw your attention to the one commodity over which we have little control – TIME! Please support your children by giving them at least 20 minutes every day to give them your full attention; hear them read, talk about their books, their day. Research shows that what all children value more than gifts and gadgets, is your undivided attention! We are also experiencing high levels of colds and flu, so personal hygiene is of the utmost importance, encouraging children to wash hands before eating and visiting washrooms as well as sneezing into a tissue will help prevent the spread of bacteria. We look forward to seeing you at parents open day next week.

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Mrs L. Khan, Head Teacher

Why is Reading so important?

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Here's how you can get your child off to a great start.

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.



Top 10 tips to help children enjoy reading

1. Make books part of your family life – Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.
2. Join your local library - Allow them to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
3. Match their interests – Help them find the right book - it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
4. All reading is good – Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good.
5. Get comfortable! – make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading.
6. Ask questions – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night? Can you remember what had happened already?'
7. Read whenever you get the chance – Bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.
8. Read again and again – Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
9. Bedtime stories – Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime
10. Rhyme and repetition – Books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words.

Parent Workshops – Keeping Children Safe

Berrymede Junior School
9am – North Hall

Tuesday 30th January
Wednesday 7th February
Tuesday 20th February
Tuesday 27th February
Tuesday 13th March
Tuesday 20th March



Run by the Ealing Health Improvement Team

School Dinners

Please remember school dinners must be paid for in advance, directly to Harrisons. Call 02082800319 to make payments, daily cost is £2.30 - for a copy of the menu, please visit the office. If your Harrisons account is not in credit, this will result in your child being unable to have a school dinner. In these circumstances, you will be required to bring lunch in for your child.

Dates for the Diary

Class Assemblies:

4P – Thursday 8th Feb 9am

Open Afternoon:

Thursday 8th February

1:30 – 6:00pm

Half Term

12th – 16th February

Lost Property

There are a large number of items in the lost property. There are 2 lost property areas – 1 in lower school and 1 in upper school. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with children's names and where possible their class.

All lost property items will be on display in the NORTH HALL during Open Afternoon on Thursday 8th February 2018



Class Update 2018

Year 3

3L Mrs Lamb
3J Miss Corey
3M Mrs Mir
3G Mrs Mangat

Year 4

4P Ms Palmer
4D Miss Deely
4O Mr Phillips
4C Mr Craze

Year 5

5H Miss Henry
5C Mrs Salem
5S Miss Conroy
5M Mr Burrough

Year 6

6A Miss Anderson
6J Mr Jeffs
6C Miss Carroll
6Y Miss Young

Lets get to know Mr Craze (4C)

What is your favourite food?

Mexican or Mr Martin's Chilli Con Carne

Which football team do you support?

The mighty reds - Liverpool

What is your favourite book?

Danny Champion of the World

What was the name of your Primary school?

Canford Heath First School

Where is your ideal holiday destination?

Anywhere warmer than here!

Which famous person would you most like to meet?

Steven Gerrard



Year 3 Pedestrian Skills Training

Year 3 pupils participated in training in order to learn essential road safety skills that will make them safer pedestrians.

The training reminds them to **Stop, Look, Listen** and includes:

- Finding a safe place to cross the road
- The correct use of pedestrian crossings such as zebra/pelican/island that are close to the school
- How to cross at junctions and near parked cars
- The dangers of cars reversing from driveways
- The importance of wearing bright clothing
- The dangers of distractions such as wearing headphones or using a mobile phones.



Extra Curricular Clubs Spring Term –

Mondays

Tai chi, Gym

Tuesdays

Football (Year 5&6)

Wednesday

Dance, Cricket (Year 5&6), Taekwondo, Art Club and Tchoukball (Year 3&4)

Thursday

Climbing, Football (Year 3&4), Knitting Club

Friday

Hockey (Year 5&6), Arabic Club



There are also a number of academic clubs that take place during the school day – Latin, Reading, Homework and Maths (Days and times of these vary according to year groups/classes)

Attendance

Please remember that the current Government legislation does not give schools any authority to approve leave for children to take holidays in term time. Any leave requests need to be done by filling in the Leave of Absence form which can be collected from the school office. There is no entitlement to leave during term time and it will only be approved under exceptional circumstances which need to be explained and evidence produced. Failure to comply with this will mean a referral to the Local Authority which may result in a fine and court action. Thank you in supporting us to ensure your children have every opportunity for success in their education entitlement.