



# BERRYMEDE



## Newsletter ~ Issue 1 ~ October 2018

### Term Dates 2018-2019

#### Autumn Term 2018

##### Teacher Training Days

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018

##### Term starts for Pupils

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018

##### Half Term Holiday

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018

##### Teacher Training Day

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018

##### Back to School for pupils

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018

##### Term Ends

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018 at 1:15pm

##### Christmas Holiday

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

#### Spring Term 2019

##### Term starts for Pupils

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

##### Half Term Holiday

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 22<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019

##### Back to School for pupils

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019

##### Term Ends

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 1:15pm

##### Easter Holiday

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

#### Summer Term 2019

##### Term starts for Pupils

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

##### May Day (Bank Holiday)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

##### Half Term Holiday

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

##### Back to School for pupils

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

##### Term Ends for Pupils

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1:15pm

##### Teacher Training Day

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in the best of health. The academic year has begun with the initiation of a new and dynamic PTA who have already raised over £140 via their first cup cake sale; they are planning many activities for our children to enjoy over the course of the year. Tremendous thanks to all those parents who are actively participating. Let us make this the year of whole community engagement! The PTA meet every 2 weeks for a coffee morning – everyone is welcome @

Many children have been elected and selected for key roles including a new one, 'CLASS CHAMPION.' These children have been chosen as spokespeople for their classes and meet with me almost daily – they are a fabulous group of students who will be representing their classes in a range of situations. Look out for them!

[www.berrymede.com](http://www.berrymede.com)

Mrs L. Khan, Head Teacher

### Current News.....

September has been an incredibly busy month at Berry Mede, not only have the children been settling back into the routine of school life but there has also been lots of exciting things going on! Our newly elected school representatives:

#### Head Boy & Head Girl:

Agbolade Oduwole & Sumaya Mukarrim



#### Sports Ambassadors:

Asjia Dozo & David Sylvan



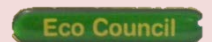
#### School Council:

Zidane Benamar  
Esam Mohammed  
Erta Trbunja  
Shahad Siraj  
Zuzanna Melka Pancewicz  
Jaiden Burrell  
Tamanna Mohammadyan  
Earl Kizito  
Adam Adellaoui  
Naima Roble  
Liban Sheikh  
Awaan Tafadar  
Mohamed Altaha  
Afia Abdullah  
Sam Slater



#### Eco Council:

Afnaan Mahdi  
Seth Carlton  
Abdifatah Yusuf  
Malcolm Denton-Lecky  
Ja'far Mohamed  
Anas Kazmouz  
Mehdi Darwish  
Sabeera Asim  
Amrit Bains  
Remi-Paul Carpenter  
Hanan Nur  
Hissah Alhaidar  
Fatima Abdi  
Adnaan Mahmoud  
Dounia Cheddoud



### 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.

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/>

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



## 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.

## Classes 2018/19

### Year 3

**3L** Ms Lamb  
**3C** Miss Cory  
**3M** Mrs Mangat

### Year 4

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

### Year 5

**5M** Mr MacLeod  
**5C** Mrs Cotton  
**5H** Miss Henry  
**5S** Miss Conroy

### Year 6

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

### PGL Trip

17 year 6 children were very lucky to go and visit Osmington Bay on a PGL trip this week. They took part in rifle shooting, archery, quad biking, passport to the world, disco, big swing and zip wire. The children had an amazing time and behaved impeccably. They were a credit to the school and were praised by PGL staff members for their attitude and manners. All the staff that went were impressed with how much each child grew in confidence and ability over the 3 days. A big thank you to Mr Burlow for organising the trip. Hopefully next year we can take lots more children so year 5 please start saving now if you would like to attend next Autumn, when you are in year 6.



### Medical Information

Please can we remind you that if your child uses an inhaler or requires any medication, it is vital that we also have this in school. All medication should be handed into the school office as soon as possible. Similarly if your child no longer requires any medication, please let us know in writing.

### Pink Friday

Thank you to all the wonderful staff and pupils for their kind donations, we managed to raise £250 for Breast Cancer Awareness on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 by coming into school wearing something pink!



### Safety

Children and mobile phones; Children in year 5/6 who go home on their own may bring a phone to school. The phone must be handed in to their teacher as soon as they arrive in school. The class teacher will then return the phone at the end of the day. Otherwise children are not permitted to bring mobile phones into school.



### Uniform/PE Kits

All pupils are expected to wear correct school uniform and PE kit. All items can be purchased in the school office. Uniform checks are regularly carried out to ensure compliance in line with the school policy.

**Dream  
Big  
READ!**

If you ride a bike or scooter to school, please can we remind you to dismount before entering the school grounds. Thank you.

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.

### Extra Curricular Clubs

#### Autumn Term -

**Mondays** Tai Chi, Gymnastics and Latin  
**Tuesdays** Tennis, Tag Rugby and Year 5/6 Boys Football, Cricket  
**Wednesday** Year 3/4 Multi Skills, Street Dance and Taekwondo  
**Thursday** Rock Climbing, Cross Country, Year 3/4 Football, Year 5 /6 Netball and Irish Dance  
**Friday** Tennis, Athletics



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

unicef **Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.**