



BERRYMEDE



Newsletter ~ Issue 1 ~ October 2019

Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

Teacher Training Days

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd Sept 2019

Term starts for Pupils

Wednesday 4th Sept 2019

Half Term Holiday

Monday 21st Oct – Friday 25th Oct 2019

Teacher Training Day

Monday 28th Oct 2019

Back to School for pupils

Tuesday 29th Oct 2019

Term Ends

Thursday 19th Dec 2019 at 1:15pm

Christmas Holiday

Friday 20th Dec 2018 – Friday 3rd Jan 2020

Spring Term 2020

Term starts for Pupils

Monday 6th Jan 2020

Half Term Holiday

Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb 2020

Back to School for pupils

Monday 24th Feb 2020

Term Ends

Friday 3rd April 2020 at 1:15pm

Easter Holiday

Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Term starts for Pupils

Monday 20th April 2020

May Day (Bank Holiday)

Friday 8th May 2020

Half Term Holiday

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020

Back to School for pupils

Monday 1st June 2020

Term Ends for Pupils

Friday 17th July at 1:15pm

Teacher Training Day

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in the best of health. The academic year has begun fantastically and the children have settled well following the changes to the leadership team.

As always we have a busy and exciting year ahead and on the back of our amazing SATs results from July, we hope to not only match this success but to do even better. A huge thank you to all the staff, pupils and parents for their continued support and effort in moving the school forward.

Reading continues to be a key focus for our children and you will be hearing about many events and projects over the course of the year – please do support our children and encourage them to read at every opportunity – we want to be the best!

www.berrymede.com

Mrs N Patel

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:

Nawid 6J & Amrit 6Y

Sports Ambassadors:

Dominic 6M & Jana 6J

School Council:

Safa 3C
Rafalea 3L
Maha 4O
Hala 4M
Neameh 4J
Dahen 5C
Hussain 5S
Julia 5H
Hudda 6C
Ryan 6C
Junayd 6Y
Jana 6J



Eco Council:

Izaan 3C
Hanad 3L
Zidane 4O
Tamira 4M
Tayah 4J
Yacub 5C
Hanifa 5S
Aisha 5H
Faadumo 6C
Milan 6M
Niam 6Y
Sakariya 6J



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/>



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 £2.35 - 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.

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.

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.

Classes 2019/20

Year 3

3L Ms Lamb
3C Miss Cory

Year 4

4M Mrs Mangat
4J Mr MacLeod
4O Mr Phillips

Year 5

5C Mrs Cotton
5H Miss Henry
5S Miss Conroy

Year 6

6M Mr Craze
6J Mr Jeffs
6Y Miss Young
6C Miss Carroll

PGL Trip

25 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 and to Miss Becky and Miss Carroll for going with them as well. Next year we would like to take even more children so year 5's start saving☺



Jeans 4 Genes

Thank you to all the wonderful staff and pupils for their kind donations, we managed to raise £192 for Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 20th September 2019 by coming into school in our jeans!



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.



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

Dream
Big
READ!

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 Gymnastics, Change4Life and Latin
Tuesdays Tennis, Tag Rugby, Athletics and Music
Wednesday Football, Dance, Athletics, Taekwondo and Knitting
Thursday Rock Climbing and Shakespeare
Friday Tennis, Athletics, Boccia and Indoor Kurling



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

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

