Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in the best of health. The academic year has begun well and the children have settled well following the changes due to the COVID pandemic. A huge thank you to all our parents for their patience and support in keeping everyone safe.

We have introduced our new learning platform, MS Teams. I am sure our children will master this very quickly.

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 them to be the best they can be!

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Mrs L Khan, Head Teacher

Current News……… September has been an incredibly busy month at Berrymede, 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: Ja’far 6J & Suneimi 6M

Sports Ambassadors: Khalid 6O & Rayan 6Y

School Council: Reuben 3L
Elizabeth 3C
Amira 4M
Rage 4C
Hala 5H
John-Lloyd 5C
Shahad 6Y
Rio 6M
Kinga 6J
Hussain 6O

Eco Council: Jinan 3L
Mohammed 3C
Waleed 4M
Lianna 4C
Tamira 5H
Seth 5C
Ahmad 6Y
Alessio 6M
Tony 6J
Tbc 6O

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.

CORONA VIRUS Update

If you have COVID symptoms:
- New continuous cough
- Temperature above 37.5°
- Lost sense of smell or taste

You must take a COVID test as soon as possible and be given a negative outcome before you can return to school.

Please notify school.

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.

Extra Curricular Clubs to be held on COVID Restrictions being relaxed

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We have acquired HEALTHY SCHOOLS GOLD Status again!

To continue our promotion of Healthy Eating, our first trip for 2020 - 2021 at Berrymede was to The Kids Cookery Club in Acton, where pupils form years 4 and 6 were provided an opportunity to use simple recipes to create enjoyable, healthy meals. Children experimented with a variety of vegetables, learning how to cook safely and whilst observing social distancing. The results were delicious savoury cheese muffins fit for a king! The children had a fabulous time!

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.

Please encourage your child to read everyday!

Reading Plus users are doing really well, keep it up!
At Berrymede we are extremely passionate about reading and we want to get all parents involved in their child’s reading.
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Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.