Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. It has been an incredibly busy start to the year and I am pleased to say children have settled in well and learning at full speed!

We have been blessed with only a few cases of COVID, quick action from parents has resulted in prevention of outbreaks.

We have had many exciting trips and visits already with great outcomes in sports competitions. I am pleased to report that Mandarin classes have started for some of our children and they are thoroughly enjoying the experience.

We have funding to take up to 10 children to Thailand (February half term, with at least one parent), as well as a trip to China later in the year, please let the school know if you are interested as places are limited. It has always been an amazing experience for our children.

We have established great relationships with Berrymede Infant school and really looking forward to the union and all the new opportunities it will bring. Please do forward your views in this matter via the website or paper copy to the school office.

Our website has been refreshed and updated constantly – do have a look!

I wish all our families a restful half term.           Mrs L Khan, Executive Head Teacher

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Mrs L Khan  
Executive Head Teacher

Current News........
The first half term 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:  
Seth 6C & Erta 6J

Sports Ambassadors:  
Marina 6C & John-Llyod 6C

School Council:  
David B 3H 
Iqra 3C 
Asma 4M 
Mohamed M 4C 
Sahar 5B 
Marwa 5L 
Naema 6j 
Chanelle 6C

Eco Council:  
Lily 3H 
Mohammad 3C 
Zeena 4M 
Rafaida 4C 
Safa & Jaseen 5B 
Abdullah 5L 
Nur 6j 
Agnesa 6C

Stay up to date by regularly visiting the school website and if you haven’t already, make sure you sign up to class dojo!!

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.

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

- **Monday**
  - Running
- **Tuesday**
  - Year 6 Shakespeare
  - Tchoukball
- **Wednesday**
  - Upper School Cricket
- **Thursday**
  - Taekwondo
- **Friday**
  - Running

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)

Excited children at Berrymede had a visit from a Bee Keeper and hundreds of bees! Lots of buzzing and honey tasting took place where our children were exceptionally fearless and now know just how important bees are for our planet.

Classes 2020/2021

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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! 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. Reading Plus users are doing really well, keep it up!

School Lunches
A reminder to all parents and carers, that the catering company that provides school lunches in Ealing is ISS World. For more information about school dinners please visit: [www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk](http://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk)

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