

Dear Parents and carers,

As we start the new academic year, I am delighted to write to you as the new interim Head Teacher. It is with great enthusiasm that I take on this role, and I look forward to working closely with the dedicated staff, pupils, and families to ensure the continued success of our school community.

Thank you for your support and kind messages so far as we begin this exciting new chapter in our school's journey.

Melody Berthoud



ClassDojo

Class Dojo

I am keen to foster open and effective communication between the school and families. We have introduced Class Dojo across the school and I am pleased to see so many have joined already. There is a prize for the first class with 100% connections! In the parents meetings in the summer term parents said they wanted better communication. Therefore this free digital platform will serve as a valuable tool for enhancing communication between staff and parents, allowing for real-time updates on pupil behaviour, school and classroom activities and a calendar of school events.

The platform also facilitates direct messaging between teachers and parents, making it easier to address any concerns or questions. Please respect the working hours of staff and know that messages may not be responded to immediately - especially as they will be busy teaching. If you want a faster response message me, ring the school office or email me directly

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Autumn 1 Topics

EYFS What makes me special?

Y1 What kind of superhero do I want to be?

Y2 What do I need to be healthy?

Y3 What would it be like to live as a hunter-gatherer?

Y4 How did the Anglo-Saxons farm and how is it different from today?

Y5 How can we ensure our oceans stay amazing?

Y6 What would it be like to live during wartime?

Sign of the Week



The Harmony Project

Each half term every year group's learning is linked to a topic or enquiry question. These topics come from the Harmony project. It's purpose is to prepare young people to engage with the environmental and social challenges we face and develop learning that is based upon a deep understanding of, and connection to, the natural world

Facebook and Instagram



I have also created social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram - where you can see photos of work, classrooms and children day to day. Do complete the 'photo permission' link on Class Dojo so I know if your child has permission to be photographed and placed on these social channels.

Lunchtimes

The children will no longer have to select what they want for lunch each morning - instead they can choose when they arrive at the servery. Harrisons have asked for this change in order to reduce the amount of food waste. The menu will still be shared with you so that you can have this discussion if you want to.

What's on the menu?					HARRISON food with thought
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE W/C 02/09/24 23/09/24 14/10/24 11/11/24 02/12/24 06/01/25 27/01/25	Beef Chimichanga Spaghetti in Herb & Tomato Sauce with Cheddar New Potatoes in Garlic & Herbs Glazed Carrots with Garden Peas Citrus Shortbread	Chicken Hotpot Rice & Vegetable Bake Baguettes with Cheddar, Tuna Mayo or Ham Braised Savoy Cabbage Roasted Parsnips Carrot & Orange Cake	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Macaroni Cheese Roast Potatoes Fresh Broccoli with Swede Dorset Apple Cake served with Custard Sauce	Thai Style Sticky Chicken Oriental Noodles with Sweet Chill Baguettes with Cheddar, Tuna Mayo or Sausage Steamed Basmati Rice Fine Green Beans with Butternut Squash Chocolate & Courgette Cake served with Chocolate Sauce	Fresh Salmon Fishcake Pizza Margherita Chunky Chips Baked Beans Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches
WEEK TWO W/C 09/09/24 30/09/24 18/11/24 09/12/24 13/01/25 03/02/25	Szechuan Chicken Feta & Vegetable Parcel Parsley New Potatoes Braised Carrots with Sweetcorn Spanish Orange Cake served with Custard Sauce	Meatballs in Herb & Tomato Sauce Leek & Lentil Pie Baguettes with Cheddar, Tuna Mayo or Ham Spaghetti Roasted Butternut Squash with Fresh Broccoli Sweet Potato Cake	BBQ Chicken Chickpea & Potato Balti Steamed Basmati Rice Roasted Parsnips with Fine Green Beans Chocolate & Pear Sponge served with Chocolate Sauce	Steak Pie Penne Arrabbiata Baguettes with Cheddar, Tuna Mayo or Chicken Parsley Potatoes Braised Savoy Cabbage with Citrus Carrots Cheese & Biscuits	Battered Fish Fillet Vegetable Roll Chunky Chips Baked Beans Garden Peas Frozen Yoghurt
WEEK THREE W/C 16/09/24 07/10/24 04/11/24 25/11/24 16/12/24 20/01/25 10/02/25	Beef Bolognese Mixed Bean Ratatouille Pasta Braised Carrots with Green Beans Wholemeal Lemon Sponge served with Custard Sauce	Chicken Tagine Bean Stew with Roasted Squash Baguettes with Cheddar, Tuna Mayo or Sausage Steamed Basmati Rice Garden Peas with Sweetcorn Chocolate Brownie	Roast Turkey Pasta Neapolitan Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings Roast Potatoes Fresh Broccoli with Glazed Carrots Sultana Sponge served with Custard Sauce	Beef Lasagne Vegetarian Cannelloni Baguettes with Cheddar, Tuna Mayo, or Ham Garlic Bread Braised Savoy Cabbage with Roasted Butternut Squash Apple Flapjack	Baked Chicken Sausage in a Roll with Braised Onions Cheese & Potato Pinwheel Chunky Chips Baked Beans Garden Peas Flavoured Ice Cream
Available daily: Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings. Salad Selection. Freshly Made Wholemeal Bread. Organic Milk. Fresh Fruit Platter. Fruit Yoghurt or Smoothie					

Bromley Y – new Autumn webinars

Webinars for young people

[Stress and Worry Management for Young People](#)

These webinars cover all aspects of emotional wellbeing difficulties **with a specific focus each month** on the difficulties young people may be facing at that time in their academic lives. For example, focusing on preparation for exams and exam stress at certain times of the year or starting at a new school and making new friends in the early Autumn term.

All the usual topics for parents/carers are covered too, such as:

[Emotionally Based School Avoidance](#)

[Transition from Primary to Secondary School](#)

[Helping Children with Anxiety, Fears and Worries](#)

[Helping Children with Sleep Difficulties](#)

[Poster with all parent/carers webinar dates Autumn 2024](#)

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th of August 2024!

Who will receive a fine?	Types of Fines	How many fines can be issued?
<p>Fines are issued per parent, per child. A parent is defined as the person who has parental responsibility and lives with the child during school time regardless of who applied for the leave.</p>	<p>Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Holiday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 consecutive days of unauthorised term time leave <p>Penalty Notices following Notice to Improve :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period. These days do not have to be consecutive & can include a mixture of G, O & U codes & offers of support have not been engaged with 	<p>Maximum of 2 penalty notices per child, per parent can be issued within a rolling 3 year period. Which can span school academic years and areas.</p>

Where difficulties arise with school attendance, professionals should take a “support first” approach in line with the DfE’s Working Together to Improve School attendance guidance, only resorting to legal enforcement when necessary. The aim is that the need for legal enforcement is reduced by taking a supportive approach to tackle the barriers to attendance and intervening early before absence becomes entrenched.

First Offence:	Second Offence (within 3 years)	Third offence & any further offences (within 3 years)
<p>The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days</p>	<p>The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.</p>	<p>The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court. Magistrates fines can be up to £1000 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in the Magistrates Court can show on the parent’s future DBS certificate due to “failure to safeguard a child’s education.”</p>

What is an EPN?

EPN stands for 'Education penalty notices' EPN's are issued for unauthorised absences, this includes term time holidays.

I'll just go on holiday and pay the fine?

EPN's have now been capped nationally at **TWO** fines within any 3 year period. After this, other action like a parenting order or prosecution has to be considered- this could mean a fine of up to £2500!

What is an unauthorised absence?

A child being kept off school unnecessarily or without good reason. Term time holidays is not a justified reason to take your child out of school.

What happens if I keep my child off, and don't contact school?

School will call home to try and obtain a reason for absence- if no reason is provided school may carry out a visit to your home- this is to check on the welfare of you and your child.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school- you must contact the school office before 9.00 am to provide a reason for absence.

Medical evidence

If your child is absent from school and is at risk of becoming persistently absent (at risk of falling below 90%) you will be required to provide medical evidence for your child's absences. This way, we can make sure absences are authorised.

PA / risk of PA

We want to avoid children becoming 'persistently absent' (below 90%). Interventions will be put in place when your child's attendance becomes 'at risk' of becoming PA. This may include supportive parent meetings. Being persistently absent may make you liable for fines or school attendance referrals.

Fines / holidays Holidays are in no circumstances authorised by school. Unauthorised absence due to holidays will result in a fine being issued from Bromley.