

Dear Parents and Carers,

Portals to the Past – Anglo Saxon Workshop

At Berrywood we aim to offer your children the fullest possible education, with a varied exciting curriculum. As part of this, projects are often supported by educational visits or visitors, which I know are thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The school budget finances all the 'essentials' that are needed to ensure the National Curriculum is delivered, but cannot support these visits. It is for this reason that I have to ask parents if they are willing to contribute towards the cost where applicable. If you are unable to contribute the full amount, any contribution received would work towards making the visit more viable. Should a number of parents not be prepared to make a contribution then, unfortunately, the visit may not be able to proceed.

Year 4 have booked a visit from Portals to the Past with their *Anglo Saxon* workshop on Thursday 24th January to support their 'Wessex Warriors' project. Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of exciting and engaging activities, including exploring aspects of Saxon life and times. The children will experience a real flavour of Saxon England. A voluntary contribution of £4.94 is required to cover the cost of this visit. Please complete the consent slip below and return it to your child's class teacher by **Tuesday 22nd January 2019.**

Since the financial year 2010/11 the income generated from school trips has declined year on year, despite the cost of transport having increased significantly. This has led to the school making a loss to the value of tens of thousands of pounds over this period. I would also like to stress that **schools are not allowed to make a profit from any trip or visitor** and therefore, in the interests of openness, a breakdown of the cost of this trip is shown below.

Activity	Cost
Cost of workshop	£440.00
Coaches	£
Total	£440.00
Divided by 89 Children	£4.94 per head

To help make our 'Saxon Day' a memorable experience, we are offering the children the option to come to school dressed as a Saxon.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Reilly
 Headteacher

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To: Mr Hawkins / Mrs. Leigh / Ms. Phillips / Mrs Rapley, Year 4 Team

*I give / *do not give consent for my child to take part in the Portals to the Past Saxon workshop on Thursday 24th January 2019.

*I have paid online at www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri / *I enclose my voluntary contribution of £4.94. If paying by cheque please make payable to Hampshire County Council (HCC).

Child's name: Class:

Signed:Parent/Guardian Date:

