

Dear Parents and Carers,

Portals to the Past –Greek 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.

As mentioned in the letter on transition day, Year 6 have booked a visit from ‘Portals to the Past’ on **Friday 6th September 2019**, to enhance their understanding of life during ancient Greek times. This will involve participating in a workshop and taking part in a series of activities.

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	£460.00
Coaches	£
Total	£460.00
Divided by 95 children	£4.84 per head

A voluntary contribution of £4.84 is required to help cover the cost of this visit. Please complete the permission slip below and send it to your child’s class teacher by **Thursday 5th September at the very latest**.

To make the day more authentic, we would like the children to dress up for the day and wear a simple ancient Greek costume such as using a white sheet. Please see the link below which demonstrates this:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8gN3YiMZns>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Reilly
 Headteacher

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To: Miss Cunningham / Miss Lowe / Mr Rolfe, Year 6 Team in September 2019

*I give / *do not give consent for my child to take part in the Portals to the Past Greek workshop on Friday 6th September 2019.

*I have paid online at www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri / *I enclose my voluntary contribution of £4.84. If paying by cheque please make payable to Hampshire County Council (HCC).

Child’s name: Class:

Signed: Parent/Guardian Date:

