

16th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 visit to Vedic Hindu Temple

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 1 are learning about different celebrations in our 'Let's Celebrate' project. This is a great time of year for this project as there are so many different celebrations taking place. **On Friday 8th November** Year 1 are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to visit a Hindu temple and see it decorated for the 'Diwali' festival. At the temple the children will take part in a service and receive a talk about Diwali. The trip will take place in the **morning** and the children will return to school before lunchtime. Children need to wear their school uniform on this day.

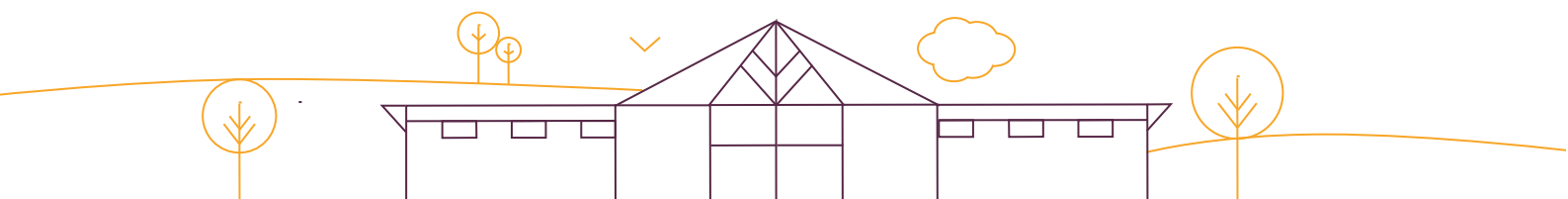
Since the financial year 2010/11 the income generated from school trips has declined year on year, despite the cost of transport having increased significantly. This has led to the school making a loss to the value of tens of thousands of pounds over this period. I would also like to stress that **schools 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 entry	£91.00
Coaches	£600.00
Staffing Costs	
Total	£691.00
Divided by 91 Children	£7.593 per head

A voluntary contribution of **£7.59** is required to help cover the cost of this trip. Please return the slip below giving your consent for your child to attend the trip. Please note that as per regulations, we are unable to take children on the trip without a permission slip. We would also be extremely grateful of any parent volunteers to accompany us on the trip. Please use the slip overleaf to indicate whether you would be able to help on the trip and a member of the Year 2 team will contact you. The slip overleaf should be returned to your child's class teacher by **Monday 4th November** at the latest.

Yours sincerely,



 Chris Reilly
 Headteacher


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To: Mrs Fryer / Mrs Paterson / Mrs Hounsham / Mrs Sheath, Year 1 Team

*I give / * do not give consent for my child to go on the Y1 trip to Vedic Hindu Temple on the morning of **Friday 8th November 2019**.

*I have paid online at www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri / *I enclose my voluntary contribution of **£7.59**. If paying by cheque please make payable to Hampshire County Council (HCC).

*I can / *cannot help on the trip to the Vedic Hindu Temple on Friday 8th November as a parent helper.

Please print your name if you are able to help:

Contact number of parent helper if different than below:

My contact number for the day will be

Any medical conditions we should be aware of:

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Child's name: Class:

Signed:Parent/Guardian Date:

*please delete as appropriate

