

9th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3 visit to Butser Ancient Farm

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 3 are learning about Prehistoric Britain in our 'Rock of Ages' project. It is a vast but fascinating time period for children to explore. To bring this period alive for children, we have booked a visit to Butser Ancient farm for **Monday 4th November 2019**. The children will take part in various activities including; Archaeology, Watling, Pottery and Jewellery Making.

On this day children will require a packed lunch and snack in their own backpack which they will be responsible for. If your child is entitled to free school meals a lunch bag will be provided, however should you not require this please inform your child's class teacher. Apples will be provided for those who pay into the fruit scheme. Children need to wear their school jumpers, sensible trousers and footwear for being outside all 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.

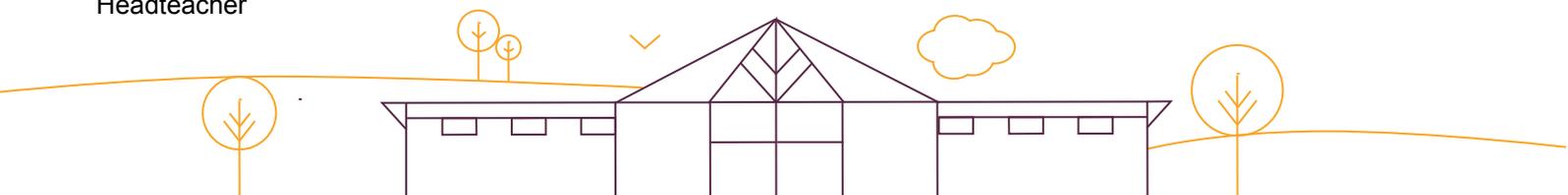
Activity	Cost
Cost of entry	£931.00
Coaches	£750.00
Staffing Costs	£40.50
Total	£1721.50
Divided by 95 Children	£18.121 per head

A voluntary contribution of **£18.21** 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. The slip overleaf should be returned to your child's class teacher by **Tuesday 22nd October** at the latest.

Yours sincerely



Chris Reilly
Headteacher



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To: Mrs Woods / Miss Young / Miss McFarland / Ms Phillips / Mrs Leigh, Year 3 Team

***I give / *do not give consent for my child to go on the Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Monday 4th November 2019.**

***I have paid online at www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri / *I enclose my contribution of £18.12. If paying by cheque please make payable to Hampshire County Council (HCC).**

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

