

Dear Parents and Carers,

### The Berry Theatre – Stickman

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 R have thoroughly enjoyed our Gruffalo themed project Berrywood by Torchlight which included reading a range of Julia Donaldson texts. Stickman is a favourite and we were thrilled to discover it was being performed at the Berry Theatre this year, as this is a wonderful opportunity to bring the book to life!

Buttercups and half of Bluebells class will be going on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December and Snowdrops and the remaining half of Bluebells class will be going on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

We will require 4 parent helpers for each class in order to support us in walking safely to and from the Berry Theatre. Unfortunately the theatre have not provided us with any free tickets for adults so any parents wishing to come in to watch the performance will need to call the box office and purchase tickets. Otherwise we will buy you a coffee if you are happy to sit and wait in the foyer (sorry!) or come back for a healthy return walk after the show. We aim to leave school at approx. 9:15am and we anticipate the walk will take around 20-30 mins. The performance begins at 10:30 and finishes at approx. 11:55 at which time we will return to school for lunch. Please use the slip below to indicate whether you would be able to help walk to and from the Berry Theatre and a member of the Year R team will contact you.

As we will be likely to miss our lunchtime hall slot we are thrilled to be able to offer the children a picnic lunch bag on this day. The lunch will include a cheese or ham roll, a piece of fruit, a biscuit or cake, a box of raisins and a fruit juice. Please complete this slip below to enable us to provide the correct number of packed lunches on the day. If for any reason you feel you need to provide your child with their lunch please ensure it is in a named paper bag and includes healthy options as listed above. Minimal packaging please so we can recycle. Please note; no chocolate, nuts, crisps or of course sweets please.

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.

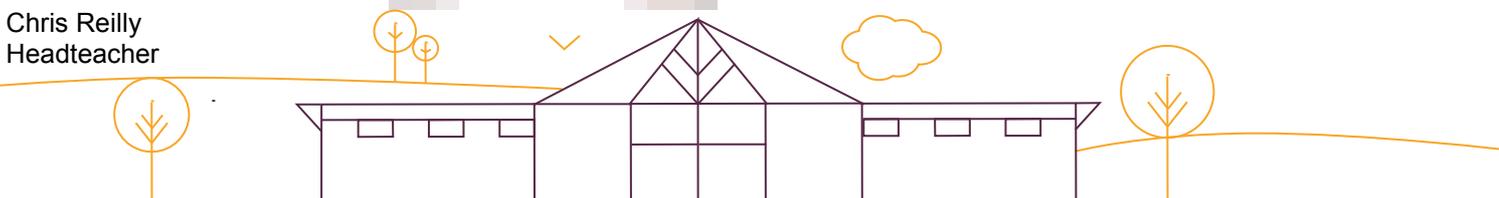
Activity	Cost
Cost of entry	£930.00
Staffing Costs	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£930.00</b>
Divided by 82 Children	£11.341 per head

A voluntary contribution of **£11.34** 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 **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the latest**.

Yours sincerely



Chris Reilly  
Headteacher



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**To: Mrs Fisher / Mrs Yeoman / Miss Phillips / Mrs Hampson / Mrs Burt, Year R Team**

**\*I give / \*do not give consent for my child to go on the Year R trip to The Berry Theatre on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019.**

**\*I have paid online at [www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri](http://www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri) / \*I enclose my contribution of £11.34. If paying by cheque please make payable to Hampshire County Council (HCC).**

**Please could you inform us of your child's lunch requirement by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the very latest.**

**\*I will provide my child with their own packed lunch.**

**\*Please provide my child with a packed lunch. Tick one of the options below.**

Meat option (Ham Roll)

Vegetarian option (Cheese Roll)

**\*I can / \*cannot help walk the children to and from The Berry Theatre on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December as a parent helper.**

**\*I can / \*cannot help walk the children to and from The Berry Theatre on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 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

