

15th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Young Shakespeare Co

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.

We are fortunate enough to have the young Shakespeare Company visit Year 5. This year, one of their highly experienced workshop leaders will visit our school to run Active Storytelling Workshops on "Macbeth" for one class at a time. These workshops have been adapted to be appropriately socially distanced, with no materials or props being handled or shared. This hugely engaging workshop is participatory throughout – the children play the characters, become imaginatively involved in the play as it unfolds and enjoy using small sections of Shakespeare's language. The workshops will take place on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th September.

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	£450.00
Coaches	£
Total	£450.00
Divided by 95 children	£4.736 per head

A voluntary contribution of £4.74 is required to help cover the cost of this visit. Please make payment online at www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri / due to the current Covid-19 situation we are currently not accepting cash or cheque. Due to the fact that the children do not leave site for these workshops please complete the online consent via Scopay by **Friday 25th September at the very latest.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Reilly
Headteacher