

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Education Through Expeditions' – Arctic Workshop 2020

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 4 will be having a visit from "Education Through Expeditions", to enhance their understanding of The Arctic. This will involve participating in workshops and taking part in a series of activities. The date for this visit is **Wednesday 26th February 2020**. Children can come in their normal school uniform – there is no need to dress up in costume for this day.

A voluntary contribution of £6.01 is required to help cover the cost of this workshop. The workshop will last for most of the school day, and children will be actively encouraged to participate. Please complete the consent slip below and send it to your child's class teacher by **Wednesday 12th February 2020 at the latest**.

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	£565.00
Coaches	£
Total	£565.00
Divided by 94 Children	£6.010 per head

Yours sincerely



Chris Reilly
 Headteacher

To: **Mrs Rowe / Mrs Yeoman / Mr Hawkins / Mr Beazley, Year 4 Team**

I give consent for my child to participate in the visit from 'Education Through Expeditions' on Wednesday 26th February 2020.

*I have paid online at www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri / *I enclose my contribution of £6.01. If paying by cheque please make payable to Hampshire County Council (HCC).

Child's name: Class:

Signed: Parent/Guardian Date:

*please delete as appropriate

