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Dear Parents and Carers,

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 are planning a trip to Marwell Zoo, on Wednesday 6th April to support our Geography project "The Arctic" and our science learning of life cycles and classification of animals. A voluntary contribution of £15.28 is required to help cover the cost of this trip. Children that have a Marwell pass will be discounted £5.85, the entry fee, the children must bring their pass in to school prior to the visit and we will take a photocopy of the original to take with us on the day.

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	£555.75
Education Hubs	£30.00
Marwell's Admin Fee	£5.00
Coaches	£800.00
Staffing Costs	£60.75
Total	£1451.50
Divided by 95 Children	£15.278 per head

Your child will require a packed lunch, no glass bottles or cans please. In addition to this they will also need a snack and drink for the day in a small rucksack, which can be carried all day. Please do not send items in carrier bags or bags with handles – the children will need their hands free. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please indicate on the form below whether or not you wish the school to provide your child with a lunch bag. Children need to wear their school uniform with suitable footwear. Please ensure your child has a raincoat in case of showers and a sun hat if it is hot. Please apply sun cream before your child arrives at school.

We would also be extremely grateful of any parent volunteers to accompany us on the trip. Please use the form below to indicate whether you would be able to help us on the trip and a member of the Year 4 team will contact you.

If your child suffers from travel sickness please ensure that medication is given prior to the trip. Please note that as regulations state we are unable to take children on a trip without parental permission. Please complete the Google form by Friday 1st April 2022 at the latest. <https://forms.gle/a8trZ4BABdUDoDew6>

Yours sincerely,

 Chris Reilly
 Headteacher
