

18th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 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 trip 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 learning about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings in project this term. 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 **Wednesday 15th June 2022**. The children will take part in various activities including; an archaeological excavation, sewing runes, chalk carving and clunching.

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	£1027.20
Coaches	£900.00
Staffing Costs	£60.75
Total	£1987.95
Divided by 96 Children	£20.707 per head

A voluntary contribution of **£20.71** is required to help cover the cost of this trip. 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, please indicate on the Google Form whether or not you wish the school to provide your child with a lunch bag. Children need to wear their school jumpers, sensible trousers, coats and footwear for being outside all day, whatever the weather.

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. Please note that as per regulations, we are unable to take children on the trip without a permission slip. The Google Form should be completed by **Friday 10th June** at the latest.

Yours sincerely



Chris Reilly
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