

29th March 2023

Dear Year 3 Parents and Carers,

Portals to the Past – Roman Workshop

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 'Portals to the Past' visit Year 3. This year, one of their highly experienced workshop leaders will visit our school to run a Romans workshop. The children will discover what life was like under the Pax Romana. They will explore the dramatic change in the lifestyle of citizens after the arrival of the Roman legions, take a tour through a bath-house, touch real Roman artefacts and feel the excitement of the games in the arena! The workshop will take place on **Monday 24th April**. As part of our Roman day, we would like the children to come to school dressed up as a Roman or a Celt. With sustainability, recycling and financial pressures in mind, please be assured that it is not necessary as a parent to purchase a pre-made costume. Homemade, mock up costumes will be celebrated in equal measure.

A voluntary contribution of £5.05 is required to help cover the cost of this visit. Please complete the Google form <https://forms.gle/oeTAV9EFFyBwCPzC9> by **Thursday 20th April 2023 at the latest**.

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	£480.00
Coaches	£
Total	£480.00
Divided by 95 Children	£5.052 per head

Yours sincerely,

Chris Reilly
Headteacher