

4th May 2023

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 5 are planning a trip to Hartford Stream near Beaulieu to support our Geography topic on 'What on Earth'. Classes **CB/5 and TD/5** will be going on **Monday 5th June**, and class **HWAP/5** will be going on **Thursday 8th June 2023**. A voluntary contribution of **£24.14** is required to help cover the cost of this trip, see grid below for details.

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 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 a lunch bag will be provided, please indicate on the options below if you would prefer to provide your own. Children need to wear their school polo shirt and sweatshirts with old trousers/leggings/jeans in case they get dirty or wet. As we are walking quite a long distance, the children will need to wear comfortable walking shoes or old trainers. The children will also need to bring in a pair of Wellingtons, as some of the activities on site will require them to stand in shallow water measuring the stream. Please bring these in your rucksack. Depending on the weather, please also bring a lightweight rain coat or sunhat and suncream! We will be outside all 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
Entry including workshops & activities	£807.50
Coaches	£1425.00
Staffing costs	£60.75
Total	£2293.25
Divided by 95 Children	£24.139 per head

We would also be extremely grateful of any DBS checked 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 5 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 the trip without permission. Please complete the Google form, link below, by **Friday 19th May** at the latest.

<https://forms.gle/zJ6Ci1VnecVdMt7a6>

Yours sincerely,

Chris Reilly
Headteacher