

Monday 19th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pickwell Farm – Pick Your Own

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 2 are planning a visit to Pickwell Farm on Tuesday 4th July 2023, the coach will be shuttling each class individually; Penguins 9.15am – 10.25am, Flamingos 10.25am – 11.40am, Parrots 1.20pm – 2.30pm, to support our project, "Where in the world do fruits come from?" Children need to wear their school polo shirt/sweatshirt with suitable shorts/trousers and footwear. A sun hat is also advisable depending on the weather. The cost of this trip will be £9.25, please log on to www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri.

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 fruit per punnet	£192.50
Coaches	£520.00
Total	£712.50
Divided by 77 Children	£9.253 per head

We would also be extremely grateful of any parent volunteers to accompany us on the trip. Please use the Google form to indicate whether you would be able to help on the trip and a member of the Year 2 team will contact you.

A voluntary contribution of £9.25 is required to help cover the cost of this trip. Please complete the Google form **by Friday 30th June at the latest**, link below, giving consent for your child to attend the trip. Please note that as per regulations, we are unable to take children on the trip without a completed form.

<https://forms.gle/a9zZ2qKDuY5ZYM6R9>

If your child suffers from travel sickness please ensure that medication is given prior to the trip.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Reilly
Headteacher