

Thursday 20th July 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Portals to the Past –Greek 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.

As mentioned to the children on transition day, Year 6 have booked a visit from 'Portals to the Past' on **Friday 8th September 2023**, to enhance their understanding of life during ancient Greek times. This will involve participating in a workshop and taking part in a series of activities.

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.

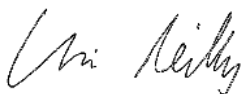
Activity	Cost
Cost of workshop	£485.00
Coaches	£
Total	£485.00
Divided by 92 children	£5.271 per head

A voluntary contribution of £5.27 is required to help cover the cost of this visit. Please complete the Google form, link below, by **Tuesday 5th September 2023 at the very latest**.

<https://forms.gle/62mRhazoSAqdVCQn9>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Reilly
Headteacher