

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Visitor Y1 – Openbox Theatre Company – A Drop in the Ocean**

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 1 will be having a visit from 'Openbox Theatre Company', to enhance their understanding of how to look after our oceans and the animals within it as part of our 'A drop in the ocean' project, this will involve participating in workshops and taking part in a series of activities. The date for this visit is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

A voluntary contribution of £7.02 is required to help cover the cost of this workshop. The workshop will last for most of the school day, and children will be actively encouraged to participate. **Please complete the Google form by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at the latest.**

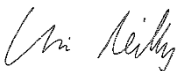
The income generated from school trips has declined year on year, despite the costs having increased significantly. This has led to the school making a loss to the value of tens of thousands of pounds over this period. I would also like to stress that schools are not allowed to make a profit from any 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	£625.00
Coaches	£
<b>Total</b>	<b>£625.00</b>
Divided by 89 Children	£7.022 per head

Please complete the Google form, link below by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024** at the latest.

<https://forms.gle/m7ZFGvowoHbxFDd47>

Yours sincerely,



Chris Reilly  
Headteacher

