

17th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Visitor Year 2 – ‘Openbox Theatre Company’ – Let’s Explore

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 will be having a visit from ‘Openbox Theatre Company’, to enhance their understanding of hot and cold places on earth. They will discover the animals that inhabit these contrasting worlds, including the arctic and the amazon. This will support their learning within our ‘Let’s Explore’ project and will involve participating in workshops and taking part in a series of activities. The date for this visit is **Friday 27th September 2024**.

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	£525.00
Coaches	£
Total	£525.00
Divided by 89 Children	£5.898 per head

A voluntary contribution of £5.90 is required to help cover the cost of this workshop. Please complete the Google form **by Thursday 26th September 2024 at the latest**.

<https://forms.gle/U3bt3PRgTm9UaDNW7>

Yours sincerely,

Chris Reilly
Headteacher