

21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

**Portals to the Past – Egyptian 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.

Year 4 have booked a visit from 'Portals to the Past' on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024, to enhance their understanding of life during Egyptian times. This will involve participating in a workshop and taking part in a series of activities.

A voluntary contribution of £6.10 is required to help cover the cost of this visit. Please complete the Google form, link below by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at the very latest**.

<https://forms.gle/YtEaAiNkEXM8rTND8>

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	£525.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£525.00</b>
Divided by 86 children	£6.104 per head

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Reilly  
Headteacher