



# Review of the Year 2023 - 24



We'd like to share with you some reflections on this school year and the developments we have made with the support of our parent community. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, whether that's through feedback in a survey, contributing to or attending the parent forum or in our conversations at the school gate. Your opinions and ideas are important and we hope you will see from our actions that we have listened.

## **Ofsted: Outstanding**

We are delighted and proud of the outcome of our Ofsted inspection that was carried out in February of this year. The support from the parent community played an integral part of this outcome, as did your feedback for the parent survey that they conducted. We do not need to carry out another parent survey for this academic year, but if you have any comments on this year, or suggestions for the coming year, we welcome you to share your comments [here](#).

## **Communications: Last summer, many of you told us that the quality of communications from the school required improvement. In response to this we:**

- Actively reduced the number of communications being sent out during the week, and where possible all communications now go via the newsletter on a Friday
- Streamlined the content of our communications to make them more accessible
- Audited our website to ensure it contains all necessary information and is easy to navigate
- Provided earlier notification of key dates

## **Many of you told us that your preferred social media platform is Instagram. In response to this we have:**

- Launched our new Instagram social media account
- Successfully trialled utilising it to provide updates from the Year 6 school journey
- Updated our social media policy

## **Engagement: Many of you told us that you would like more opportunities to engage with the school and get direct feedback from your child's class teacher. In response to this we have:**

- Reinstated our [parent forum](#), providing a platform for parents and the school to discuss any current issues of importance to the parent body. This was particularly productive when reviewing the school uniform policy.
- Re-designed our parent curriculum information workshops, starting at 8.45am, straight after drop-off, to make it more convenient for parents to attend
- Continued to provide an Open School event which was very well-attended and was a huge success this year, with over fifty survey responses rating it 5 stars
- Introduced wellbeing coffee mornings for parents as an opportunity to meet and discuss any worries in an informal setting, with support from the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner
- Introduced a 'Meet the Headteacher' meeting at the start of term to which all parents were invited
- Reinstated in-person 'Meet the Teacher' meetings at the start of the school year
- Provided more opportunities for face-to-face meetings at parent consultations. We had almost 100% attendance from parents at our most recent round of parent consultations which was fantastic!
- Shared assessment papers – end-of-term assessment papers; spelling tests and times tables tests are sent home each week so parents can see how their child/ren are doing
- Shared your child's weekly timetable with you so you know what lessons they are doing and when
- Put links to our school website with all the curriculum information for each half term in the newsletter
- Reviewed the school house names involving the whole school community

## **Curriculum: Some of you told us that some homework tasks (e.g. projects) can be time-consuming and overwhelming. In response to this we have:**

- Reduced the number of homework projects in Year 5 & 6 from six to three per year
- Revised the content of KS2 homework projects to be easier for children to complete independently

## Security

We have enhanced our security systems with the recent installation of an electronic entry system. Over the summer, we are having an electronic security gate installed at the main entrance to the school.

## Clubs

You have told us you would like a wider variety of clubs. In response to this we have:

- Introduced Chess Club, Film Club, Art Club and Drama Club
- We have introduced more clubs for younger children

We are limited in the number of clubs we can offer due to space and availability of club providers. We know that clubs can be expensive but this is dictated by the club provider and we do our best to find providers that give value for money. We try to offer some cheaper clubs where we can, but these are reliant on school staff volunteering their time for free to provide a club, so we are limited on what we can offer in this respect. We continue to explore new options.

## Wrap Around Care

You told us you would like a Breakfast Club. In response to this, we have we have explored many options and as of September, we're pleased to announce that Koosa Kids will be providing before-school care, based in our school hall, from 7:45am. Please see the school website for more information about this.

## Swimming provision

To provide a more sustainable model for swimming lessons, we have reviewed our swimming lesson provision. In September we will start a programme of swimming lessons at a local pool which will last for the autumn and spring terms. We will share more details about classes, days and times with you at the start of next term.

## Parent Wish List

Via the parent forum, you told us you would like to contribute to the school in ways other than raising money, and a parent wish list was suggested. In response to this we:

- Shared a wish list of stationery at the end of half-term in the summer. All items were claimed and we received many generous donations of stationery which helped keep our supplies going to the end of term
- We will set up an online wish list in the autumn term
- If anyone wishes to donate items for the new school year, we are always grateful for: reams of A4 copier paper; Pritt Sticks; whiteboard pens; coloured pencils; felt tips; boxes of tissues

## School Association

We finish the year in a stronger position. The EGM in February was attended by over 60 members; there is a new [constitution](#) in place; you have elected committee members and trustees for this term of office; a [safeguarding policy](#) and risk assessments have been established and a very successful BPSA Summer Fete took place in June, raising lots of money for the school. As we start a new academic year, we hope you will consider an active role in the School Association, to support it as we move forward and build on the foundations established this year. The SA is a registered charity and the responsibilities of running a charity are multi-faceted. Not only does the charity need volunteers to help organise fund-raising events, it needs to be legally compliant in areas such as finance, safeguarding and administration. Perhaps this is an area you have skills or experience in and could offer support for running of the School Association? Maybe you will consider being a trustee or a committee member next year? If you would like to find out more, please speak to a member of the SA committee or Miss Macklearn.

## Children's wider development

*Some of you told us that you weren't sure how the school supports your child's wider development. We do this by:*

- Offering a wide range of **extra-curricular clubs**
- Offering a comprehensive **educational visits** framework designed to enhance the curriculum and provide cultural experiences. Visits include off-site venues, workshops and visitors in school.
- **School journeys** in Year 5 and 6 promote independence and resilience when away from home, whilst providing a wealth of educational and adventurous experiences
- We have **specialist teachers** for music, French and PE
- Participation in borough **sporting events** and **tournaments**
- Close links with **St. Augustine's Church** and **St. Philips and St. James' Church**
- **Class assemblies, Nativity performance, Christmas Carol Service and Y5 & 6 end of year production** – providing opportunities for public speaking, performing and singing to an audience
- Supporting the work of **charities** – donating items, sponsored events and enterprise activities designed to raise money
- Various themed weeks / days, such as **Wellbeing Week and World Book Day**
- Provision of **lessons for musical instruments** (Richmond Music Trust) and clarinet lessons (Year 4)
- We use PSHE and daily collective worship to talk about issues affecting the children in their daily lives and the **supportive strategies** available to help them
- In addition to the requirements of the national curriculum, we have a wider curriculum in which we teach about **first aid, careers, road / cycle safety education and financial literacy**
- We provide opportunities for children to be involved in the **local community** e.g. singing at church events
- We help children to look after their **physical, emotional and mental health** through strategies such as the Daily Mile, worry boxes in every class, access to wellbeing support, wellbeing week, anti-bullying ambassadors, etc.
- Children have the opportunity to take on **responsibilities** such as being school council reps, librarians, worship monitors, playground pals, lunchtime assistants, etc.

School website: [www.bishopperrin.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.bishopperrin.richmond.sch.uk)

Instagram: @bishopperrinschool

## **How can you get involved next year?**

### Parent Forum

We have established a very successful parent forum this year. We currently have parent reps for this year's Year 1 – 6 classes. However, there are space for more if you would like to be involved. The forums have proved invaluable in providing a space for any issues that may be concerning the parent body to be raised and responded to, with minutes of the meeting shared on the website to keep everyone informed.

### School Association

Have you considered being on the committee for the School Association? Would you like to be a trustee? All parents and carers are automatically members of the School Association. By becoming a trustee or being elected on to the committee you can have a role in the organisation of the association whether that's the events, finance, administration, etc. An annual general meeting is held every year, usually in October, when a new committee is elected for the coming year. We would love for you to get involved.

### Volunteer in class

We welcome volunteers into class to help with reading, practising times tables, cooking, crafts, etc. If this is something you would like to do, please talk to your child's new class teacher at the start of the new term. You can also volunteer to come along on school trips or help with walking to and from the church, library, etc.

### Instagram

Follow us on Instagram to keep up-to-date with the most recent activities and events in school: @bishopperrin

### Newsletter

Read our newsletter every week to keep up-to-date with what's going on in school and visit our [website](#) for any queries you may have about the school in general.

Collective Worship    **Stonehenge**    Harvest Festival    **School Choir**    Wellbeing Week  
 Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk    **maths lessons**    football tournaments    **RE lessons**  
**guided reading lessons**    French lessons    **Daily Mile**    Playground Pals    **church visits**  
 Careers Day    **Swimming Gala**    books    **Borough Sports**    rewards    **non-uniform days**  
**Odd Socks Day**    The Poppy Appeal    **Whitton Food Bank**    Windsor Castle    **Danceathon**  
 English lessons    **Thames Boat Project**    Verulamium Roman Museum    **Instagram**  
**The Monument (Sir Christopher Wren & the Great Fire of London)**    School Council  
**Twickenham Cemetery (war graves)**    Emerald, Ruby and Sapphire House    **new staff**    Infant  
 Movie Night    **Stone Age Day**    Whitton library    **Hampton Court**    cooking    **playtimes**  
 friendship    **pupils**    library visits    **Viking Day**    singing    **Victorian Day**    Whitton  
 library    **Turing House production of Shrek!**    reading    **writing**    times **tables**  
 homework    **music lessons**    projects    **Christmas Discos**    presentations  
**assessments**    PE lessons    **reports**    parent consultations    **meet the teacher**    Open  
 School    **Parent Forum**    School Association    **Football Club**    Sports Day    **Nativity**  
 Peter Pan    **class assemblies**    INSET days    **drama workshops**    photographs    staff  
 meetings    **World Book Day**    Great Fire of London: Kew Archives    **Autumn Walk learning**  
 spellings    **BPSA School Fete**    Reception Christmas Carols    **PC Alicia visits**

## A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF BISHOP PERRIN SCHOOL



**OUTSTANDING Ofsted inspection**    story time    **safeguarding**    Richmond Museum  
**lunch**    snacks    **Leavers' Service**    Toy workshop    **Lego club**    British Museum  
**Isle of Wight**    safer walking    **Orange Tree Theatre Hamlet**    school staff  
 Shakespeare Workshop    **geography lessons**    SATs    **phonics**    Bockett's Farm  
**Easter Service**    history lessons    **Barnes Wetland Centre**    piano lessons    **French Club**  
 Design and Technology lessons    **governors**    Twickenham Stadium    **Richmond Hill**  
**Barnes Children's Literature Festival**    Beanstalk readers    **CWP**    LDBS  
 MHST coffee morning    **Junior Citizen**    scooter training    **Bikeability**    lessons  
**Christmas cards**    canoeing at the Lensbury Club    **NSPCC workshops**    guitar lessons  
**second-hand uniform sale**    chess club    **lost property**    fire drill    **book club**  
**tennis club**    multi-sports club    **Koosa Kids**    summer sports    **parent volunteers**  
 coding club    **NSPCC Number Day**    Bowles    **film club**    ELSA  
**Year 6 Leavers' Celebration**    Safer Internet Day    **anti-bullying ambassadors**  
 Squires planting    **Whitton Library**    art club    **stay inside drill**    recorder lessons  
**clarinet lessons**    drama club    **colouring club**    Art lessons    **PSHE**    Roald Dahl Museum

**And much more...!**