



BISHOP PERRIN

Church of England Primary School

Parent Information Sheet - Key Stage 1

We value the support from parents and the partnership between home and school which ensures that children are able to be the best they can during their time at Bishop Perrin. On this sheet we have highlighted some key information in order for you to assist your child and the smooth running and work of the school throughout this academic year. Further information is available on our school website: www.bishopperrin.richmond.sch.uk.

Attendance and Punctuality

- Your child should be in school every day unless they are unwell. The school should be informed of any absence.
- Holidays during term time are not permitted and will be unauthorised absence.
- The bell rings at 8.40am at which time your child should be in the playground ready to start the school day at 8.45am.

School Uniform

- All children should be smartly dressed in the school uniform - the policy is available on the school website and order forms are in the school foyer.
- All items should be clearly named.
- Children need PE kit in school every day. Please ensure that your child is able to change to and from their kit by themselves.
- PE Days:

Class	Days	
Year 1	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday	Friday

Transition

- In Year 1 we have systems in place to ease the transition between Reception and Year 1.
- We will be making use of the Outdoor Area when possible to support our learning.

Reading

- Children should be heard read at home by an adult or older sibling at least five times a week for about 10 minutes each time.
- Please record home reading in the Reading Record.
- Every child should have one reading book at a time. Teachers regularly assess children's reading to ensure that they are reading at the correct level.
- Reading books/records should be in school **every** day and are changed by the class teacher on **Monday and Thursday (Year 1), Tuesday and Friday (Year 2)**, as long as the Reading Record has been signed by a parent/guardian.

Spelling

- Children will have spellings to practise every week. These will be in line with the phonic sound that the class are focussing on that week or common words.
- Please support your child in learning these. A good strategy for learning spellings is:
 - LOOK
 - SAY (sounding out each phoneme (small sound) and counting it on fingers)
 - COVER
 - WRITE
 - CHECK
- Please encourage your child to fill in the spelling sound box with as many words as they can think of with the given letter pattern. This activity can be extended by writing longer words or words with the spelling pattern in the middle of the word etc.

Homework

- Homework is important in consolidating learning undertaken in school and extending children's understanding. Please ensure that your child completes any homework tasks set.

Year 1 Homework:

- Spelling and handwriting homework is set on Monday and will be collected in on the following Monday.
- Handwriting homework requires the children to complete another page identical to that completed in school.

Year 2 Homework

- Weekly tasks will be handwriting, spelling, Athletics and reading.
- All homework is set on Monday and will be collected in on the following Monday.

Our Homework Policy is available on the school website and is in line with government guidance.

Other Information

- If your child is to be collected by someone other than the adults you have already authorised, please inform the class teacher in writing.
- You are welcome to make appointments to see teachers to discuss any concerns. The end of the school day is better as teachers are preparing for the school day and attending briefings in the morning.
- Please ensure that you read the school newsletter every week as it contains all the vital information that you need. The current and previous newsletters are also available on the school website.
- We welcome any help from parents for school visits, reading, practical activities - please let your class teacher know if you are able to help.
- We are striving to encourage children to become more responsible for their belongings and independent - please support us in this by encouraging your child to dress/undress themselves, remember when they have a message for the teacher, carrying their own belongings and when to hand in homework.
- Some useful websites:
 - <http://www.bishopperrin.richmond.sch.uk> (Bishop Perrin website)
 - <http://www.education.gov.uk> (Department for Education)
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools> (BBC Schools - activities for children and support for parents)
 - <http://www.channel4learning.com> (Channel 4 schools- activities for children and support for parents)
 - <http://www.mathletics.co.uk>