



*Head Teachers Newsletter: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020*

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Welcome to the first newsletter of the year! I hope that you have all had a good summer and are recharged and ready for the start of the new academic year. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and fully open to all children after so many months. The sound of the children laughing, chatting and the general buzz is what makes a school an amazing place to be.*

*I would like to warmly welcome all the new Starfish and Seahorse children and families who have joined us this year. You have all been amazing and grown up when coming in and we hope that you all feel part of the Heather Ridge family already.*

*Thank you all for supporting us in the new drop off and pick up arrangements. Considering the current increase in cases across the country it is essential that parents adhere to the guidelines. These are:*

- Arrive at the correct times, please be prompt and leave promptly. We need to limit the foot fall around the school gates so please make sure you keep the line moving forward!*
- Ensure that you are always vigilant in following social distancing guidelines. Please also bear this in mind when speaking to school staff.*

*The cough and cold season is most definitely upon us and many children have already come down with runny noses and sneezes. It is essential that we work together to ensure that the school continues to be operational, but we also keep a balanced view on everyday colds. Please appreciate that the office team and school staff are following strict guidance and will give you the same advice on the phone as you will read online. If children appear unwell at school, we will test their temperature and contact you for an urgent collection if necessary. Thank you very much for your support in what I am sure that you will agree is a challenging time for us all.*  
*Miss Elliott*

**NHS guidance**

The main symptoms are coronavirus are:

- A high temperature - hot to the touch on their chest or back
- A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell different to normal

**What to do if your child has symptoms.**

If your child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result - only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble must stay at home until you get the result.

**PLEASE KEEP SCHOOL INFORMED OF ILLNESS/TESTING.**

HM Government



### Useful information:

Class emails are:

Year R:

[starfish\\_class@heather-ridge.co.uk](mailto:starfish_class@heather-ridge.co.uk)

[seahorse\\_class@heather-ridge.co.uk](mailto:seahorse_class@heather-ridge.co.uk)

Year 1

[sharks\\_class@heather-ridge.co.uk](mailto:sharks_class@heather-ridge.co.uk)

[turtles\\_class@heather-ridge.co.uk](mailto:turtles_class@heather-ridge.co.uk)

Year 2

[dolphins\\_class@heather-ridge.co.uk](mailto:dolphins_class@heather-ridge.co.uk)

[jellyfish\\_class@heather-ridge.co.uk](mailto:jellyfish_class@heather-ridge.co.uk)

Please only use class emails to communicate with the class teacher about your child's learning. The teachers will reply to your emails within 5 working days.

For important messages regarding attendance, illness or picking up your child please email Mrs English and Miss Fermor on:

[info@heather-ridge.co.uk](mailto:info@heather-ridge.co.uk) or

[office@heather-ridge.co.uk](mailto:office@heather-ridge.co.uk)

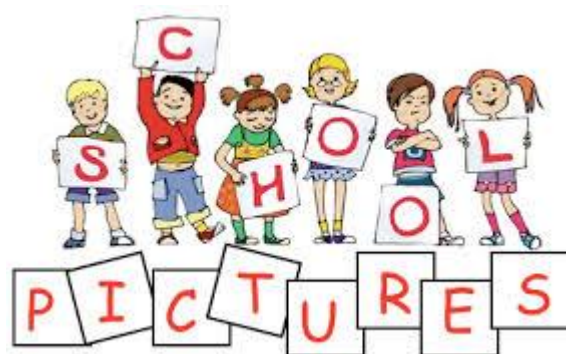
Tel: 01276 24918

Date for the diary...  
Individual School Photos  
will be on

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

All photos will be taken  
outside.

There will be no sibling  
pictures at this time as we are  
unable to cross bubbles. We  
hope that these can be taken at  
a later date.



A few reminders...

- Please keep dogs on a short lead and always ensure they next to you and away from other families.
- Please make sure you are socially distancing when picking up and dropping off your child.
- Book bags to be bought in on a **Monday** where the class teacher will give your child some books for that week. Reading folders **must** be returned on a **Friday**. These will then stay at school until the following Monday.
- Please remember to use Bug Club via the Active Learn website and Mathematics. Your child has their own login which you should all have details of.
- Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school.
- **No earrings** are to be worn on PE days and must be removed.
- Sickness and upset tummies require 48 hours before a child can return to school.
- Please make sure that your child has a named water bottle daily. (Water only please).
- We are a **nut free school**. Please check your lunchboxes.

# who's who?

Miss Elliott  
Head Teacher



School at a glance...  
Who are the staff at  
school??

Mrs. Conner the  
School Business  
Manager



Mrs. English and Miss  
Fermor in the school  
office

Mrs. Brooks



Year 2  
team

Mr.  
Lesser  
Caretaker



Mr. Fuller



Mrs.  
Norman  
HLTA  
works  
across all  
the school



Mrs. Best  
SENCO



Mrs. Crow  
ELSA



Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Barker



Year 1  
team

Mrs. Lewis



Mrs. Waterfeild



Mrs. Dodd  
Deputy Head

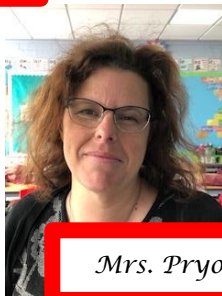


Miss Chittenden

Mrs. Haydon



Mrs. Pryor



Mrs. Randhir



Mrs. Henson



Mrs. Rust



Year R  
team



Miss Shemmans



Mrs. Cunningham



Mrs. Jones



Mrs. Took



Mrs. Foy



Miss Northwood

