



Head Teachers Newsletter: 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that we are in October! It has been a delight to have the children back in school and they have all settled in well to their new routines and bubbles! Year R have enjoyed running round the track in the morning to 'wake up and shake up' their bodies ready for the day ahead!

Please look out for the poster for the PTA AGM. Obviously with the current restrictions we are not allowed to meet in person so it will take place virtually. So, from the comfort of your home you can log on, listen, and have a glass or two of wine! Please do join in, the PTA are tremendously important in supporting the school and fundraising. 2020 has been an odd year and lots of our planned events have not been able to happen- so this year we need to think outside the box and see what events we can run virtually! If you have some great ideas and would like to be involved, then please email in to info@heather-ridge.co.uk we need you!

Thank you for continuing to support the dropping off and picking up arrangements. It all seems to be running smoothly and the children are being utterly brilliant at leaving you at the gate. Please could I remind you to join the line for your bubble and move swiftly along as the children enter or exit the school. Please ensure that your child always remains with you and is not running around near the road or the woodland area around the back gate. Thank you.

Book bags- We have started to send home some books with the children for you all to enjoy throughout the week. Book bags need to come into school on a Friday and will be left over the weekend. The teachers will then fill them on a Monday and a fresh set of books will come home with your child. Due to the number of children and books we are only able to give the children a couple of books but please do read and share any books that you have at home and also log onto bug club. If you are having trouble with bug club then please email the class emails and the teachers will try and sort out the problem for you. You do not need to bring in your book bags on any other day!

Year 1 and Year 2 parents please look out for a letter regarding Tapestry. We are going to be using this platform as a means of communicating with parents and sharing home learning.

Miss Elliott

NHS guidance: PLEASE KEEP SCHOOL INFORMED OF ILLNESS/TESTING.

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.

Useful information:

Class emails are:

Year R:

starfish_class@heather-ridge.co.uk

seahorse_class@heather-ridge.co.uk

Year 1

sharks_class@heather-ridge.co.uk

turtles_class@heather-ridge.co.uk

Year 2

dolphins_class@heather-ridge.co.uk

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 or

office@heather-ridge.co.uk

Tel: 01276 24918

Parents evening.

This year we are going to use School Cloud to run our parents evening. This is an online platform that can be accessed via a laptop/tablet or a mobile phone.

More details will follow regarding dates and times and how to book your appointment.

Just a reminder that these are only 10 minutes.

Thank you

A few reminders...

- If your child is doing an after-school club then please make sure they bring their kit in with them in the morning.
- If your circumstances have changed regarding employment, then please ensure you fill out the Pupil Premium form and hand it to the school ASAP.
- 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).
- Long hair should be tied back.
- School shoes should be worn and no trainers please.

Dates for your diary....

There are still some dates of events to be confirmed..

Individual School photos 6th October

PTA AGM 14th October via zoom.

Parent Consultations. These will all take place via video conferencing. More information to follow.

Half Term 26th October

Back to school 2nd November

End of term 18th December

We are hoping to have year group Christmas performances in some way, but this will be dependent on Government guidance nearer the time. This maybe without an audience and filmed and then DVD's on sale to parents. We really would love to still go ahead so, stay tuned for more information!

INSET Days

1st September 2020

2nd September 2020

19th April 2021

7th June 2021

21st July 2021